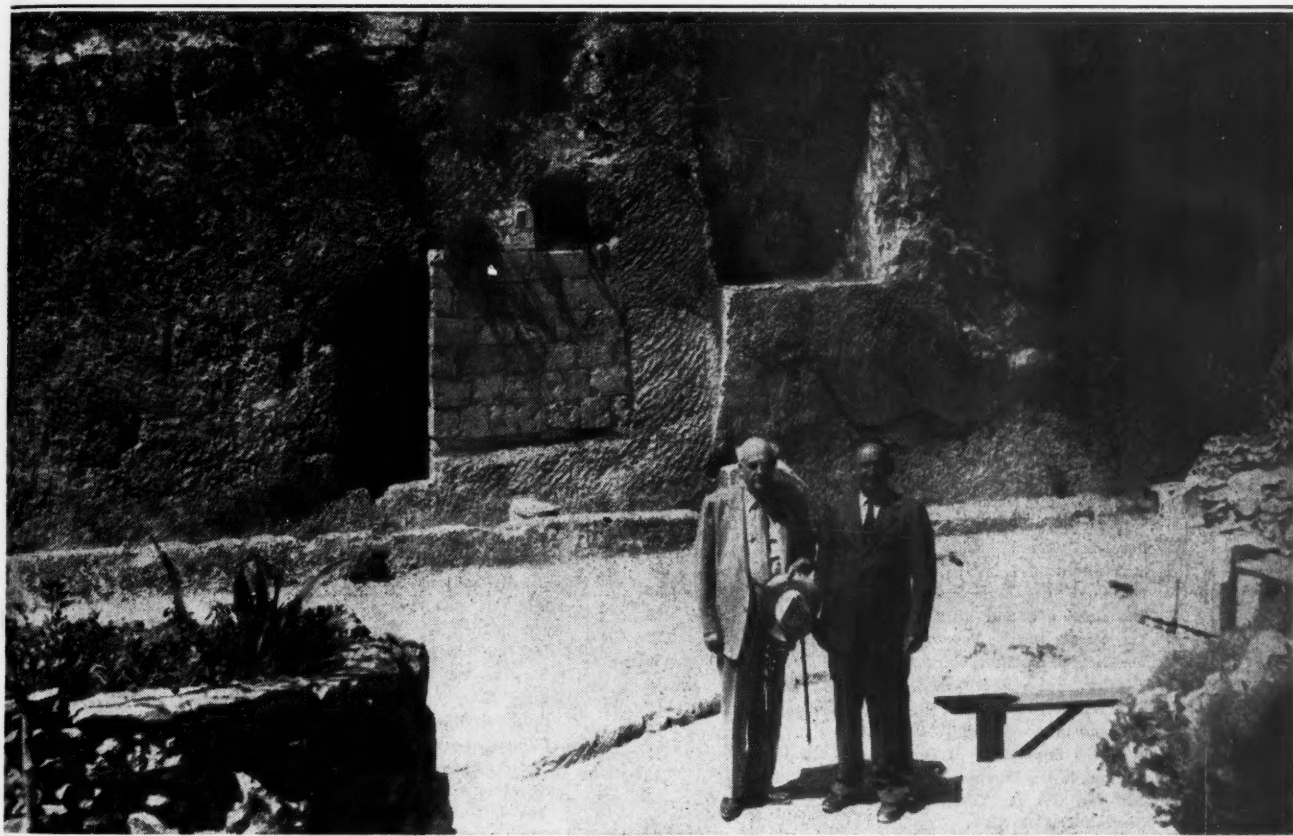


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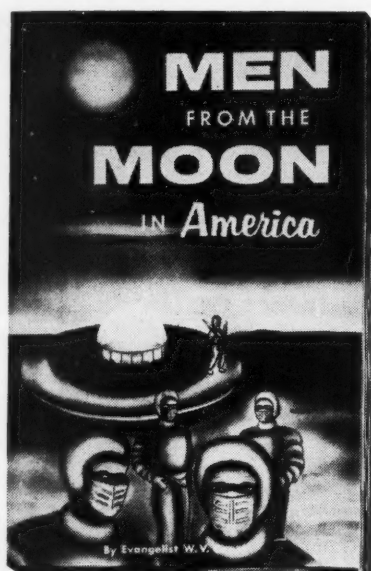


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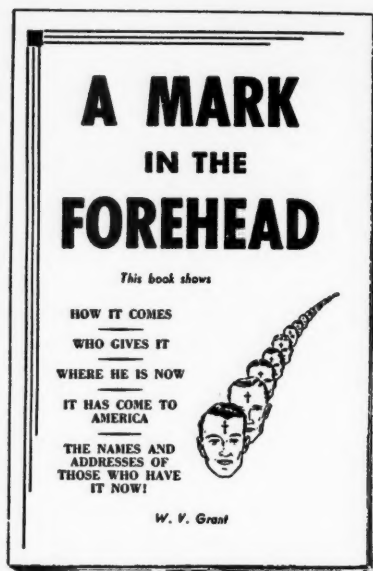


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First ... we need Prayer Partners. The Defenders movement came into being years ago, the fruit of a vision, spearheaded by Dr. Winrod. Its unprecedented growth can only be explained in the light of believing prayer.

As a Prayer Partner you can have an active part in this work. Each morning at eight o'clock, both the office staff at the main headquarters building in Wichita, as well as the crew at the printing plant, assemble for a period of devotion and prayer before beginning their day's duties. It will encourage us to know you are joining with us at that time.

Remember also the various officials of the organization. Pray for the Pastors of the scores of Defender Missionary Churches around the world, for the teaching staff and students at the Defenders Theological Seminary, located in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico. Clothe *The Defender* in prayer.

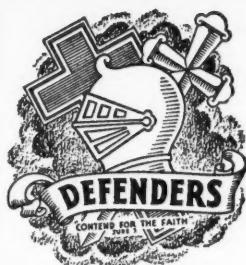
Second ... if your subscription is about to expire, renew it today. And at the same time, why not subscribe for a friend? Or, if you prefer, we have a long list of rural pastors and missionaries to whom we would like to send *The Defender*. If you supply the funds, their subscription can be started with this issue!

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Fourth ... we need regular financial contributions (which are tax deductible). To meet the operating expenses, both at home and abroad, a considerable sum must be raised each month. Native pastors and students in the Seminary need regular monthly supporters. Send your missionary dollars to help carry the Gospel to those in need on Defender mission fields.

Write us about having a native preacher represent you or your church. The cost is so low it will surprise you. This could be an ideal project for a Sunday School class. For more details, see the article beginning on page 51 of this *Defender*.

—Wm. T. Watson



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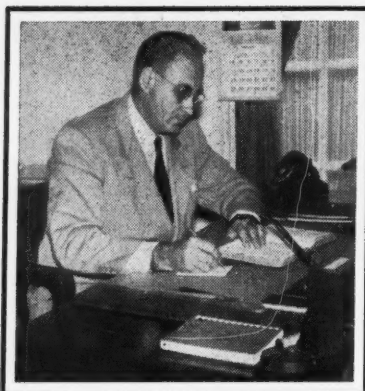
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## THIRTY-TWO YEARS OF PROGRESS

WM. T. WATSON, D.D.  
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**THE DEFENDERS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH** is more of a movement than an organization. It came into existence to accomplish exactly what the name implies — a systematic defense and promulgation of historical and evangelical Christianity.

It was in the month of November 1925 that Dr. Gerald B. Winrod issued a call to a group of churchmen in the midwest to meet with him in Salina, Kansas for the purpose of forming a new movement.

Approximately one hundred pastors and laymen, representing a dozen denominations, attended the sessions which lasted two full days, climaxing with a meal attended by all the delegates.

Various committees were formed to transact business. One group was given the responsibility of choosing a name for the organization. The title *Defenders of the Christian Faith* was suggested and unanimously adopted.

The same committee also recommended that an official hymn be chosen for use, wherever meetings might be held under the auspices of the movement. After much discussion, the song "Faith of Our Fathers" was decided on.

A motto was selected, "Back to the Bible." A favorite Scripture text was also chosen to convey at a glance the prime purpose and motivation of the program, Jude 3: "Contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." An emblem was later devised symbolizing the Cross of Christ, the Sword of the Spirit and the Helmet of Salvation. (See Masthead, page three).

At the time the movement was launched terrific attacks were being made against the Church and Christian religion in general. Today we recognize those who oppose evangelical Christianity as modernists, infidels, agnostics and skeptics.

In the early twenties, a constant stream of American educators and religious leaders were going to Europe to

complete their education. As they returned to America, their preaching and teaching was contrary to basic foundations and cardinal truths of historic and evangelical Christianity. It was known in those days as "higher criticism." They sought to destroy men's belief in the Genesis account of creation.

The evolutionary hypothesis was being taught in public schools causing great unrest and disturbances among Christians. Such men as William Jennings Bryan, Dr. W. B. Riley, Dr. Arthur I. Brown, Dr. Harry Rimmer and others, together with Dr. Winrod, arose and campaigned in defense of evangelical and historic Christianity. It was during this era the celebrated Scopes Trial was conducted in Tennessee.

Dr. Winrod secured the cooperation of these and many other Christian leaders and began holding conferences "in defense of the faith" in many parts of the country. These meetings merged into and caused to come into being what is now known as *The Defenders of the Christian Faith*.

The word *Defender* was significant in those days . . . and remains so today.

Under the wise leadership of Dr. Winrod the work has steadily gone forward through the years. Its effective ministry has reached into many fields of activity. Not only has it stood firmly in defense of the Christian faith, it has also promulgated the American way of life.

The movement has caused to be written, published, uttered by radio, pulpit and public rostrum literally billions of words devoted to the cause of righteousness and Americanism as opposed to atheistic totalitarianism.

These words, creative and constructive, have influenced multitudes to righteous action and attitudes for the preservation of American church life and institutions. Believing that America was

founded by God-fearing men and women, the *Defenders* movement has stood firmly through the years in its opposition to Communism and other alien ideologies that would seek to undermine and destroy the American way of life as guaranteed by the Constitution.

The efforts of the *Defenders* movement have been far-reaching, especially through the medium of the printed page. This publication, *The Defender*, has grown from an eight-page every-other-month newspaper, with a few hundred subscribers to the magazine which you are now holding in your hands. Its message is now carried to every point of the globe, and is read avidly by more than a quarter of a million individuals.

Through the years *The Defenders of the Christian Faith* has published scores of volumes, books, pamphlets . . . and tracts by the millions. And each item has, in some manner, "defended the faith once delivered to the saints."

The *Defenders* movement has been noted for its great religious rallies, which have been sponsored in the larger cities of the United States. Men of outstanding attainments have appeared on our platforms.

The *Defender Hour*, which is the radio voice of our movement, has at one time or another gone into the homes of practically every Bible-believing Christian in America. The broadcasts are at present devoted exclusively to the teaching of the Sunday School lesson each Sunday morning, and are conducted by our Associate Editor, Mr. Bransford Carney.

This article would not be complete without making mention of the vast missionary activities carried on by the *Defenders of the Christian Faith*. A large volume could be written concerning the strides which have been made in the West Indies, with particular emphasis on the island of Puerto Rico.

From one small but mighty congregation at Guayama, Puerto Rico, the work has fanned out to a movement consisting of approximately 200 native churches, where *nightly* services are conducted.

In October of 1945 the *Defenders Theological Seminary* opened its doors for the first time, with an enrollment of 36 earnest, sincere students. The Lord has seen fit to bless the efforts put forth by the faculty, under the able leadership of Dr. J. F. Rodriguez and as a result hundreds of young men and women have gone out from its portals into full time Christian service.

The work among the Spanish-speaking peoples of Puerto Rico could not be limited to just this one island. It was not long before the Gospel message spread to the Dominican Republic, Cuba

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... and eventually to New York City, Chicago and other American points where large segments of the population speak the Spanish language.

Space does not permit discussing in detail the work on other mission fields, only to say that wherever the Defenders go, the need is great, and the people are begging for aid, not only spiritually, but physically. Tons of clothing have been sent to various parts of the world to help clothe the needy.

The Defenders of the Christian Faith is a religious, non-profit corporation, with headquarters in Wichita, Kansas. Founded by Dr. Gerald B. Winrod, who was its President until his death in November, 1957, it is now controlled by a Board of Directors, of which I am the presiding officer.

The movement is supported by friends who believe in the program and ideals for which the Defenders has

stood throughout the years. Many fine people have been faithful almost from the start, sending in regular monthly contributions. Hardly a day passes but what some dear friend does not write in telling us how Dr. Winrod came to their city ten, twenty-five or thirty years ago... preached in their church, stayed at their home to help save on expenses, broke bread at their table and slept in their guest room.

These friends cherish the memory of this visit, and Dr. Winrod never forgot their kindnesses, often reminding those who helped him in the work that it was such fine supporters as these who made the Defenders movement what it is today.

These "Defenders" can be found in every state of the Union, in the large cities, in the hamlets, and in the by-ways. Some are influential figures, persons of high caliber in their own rights... but the larger share are humble,

God-fearing, Bible-believing people who want to have a part in continuing the efforts of this movement.

At our last Board meeting, the leaders expressed a wholehearted desire to continue the work along the same general plan as outlined by Dr. Winrod before his death.

In the future we expect to enlarge our missionary activities, including a "door-to-door" Scripture distribution campaign, going into new fields of service, hold more Bible conferences, inaugurate a Spanish Correspondence Bible School, and increase the output of pamphlets and tracts.

All readers of *The Defender* are urged to cooperate by praying and sacrificial giving to keep the work going (see article, "Talking It Over," page 3). If you feel led to cooperate at any point, don't put it off. Sit down and take care of the matter *today!*



## DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

of

THE DEFENDERS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH, INC.

*At the very first meeting of the Board of Directors of the Defenders of the Christian Faith, the following Resolution was presented and unanimously adopted:*

**H**AVING APPLIED FOR, and received from the State of Kansas, a Charter under which to operate home and foreign missionary work in the service of the Lord Jesus Christ,

Devoted to carrying out the Great Commission as set forth in the four Gospels of the New Testament,

We, the incorporators, now proceed to the matter of business as provided for in the Articles of Incorporation and By-laws of the organization.

Be it known that our doctrinal foundation which is, and shall forever be, fundamental in everything done by this Corporation in avenues of Christian service, reads as follows:

We believe, affirm, teach and recognize as essential, immutable and indestructible:

The supernatural inspiration of the Christian Scriptures as embodied in the sixty-six books of the Holy Bible;

The existence of a Supreme Being, the Creator of the universe and the personal Heavenly Father of the believer;

The fact of the Eternal Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit;

The creation of man, whereby humans are endowed with capacities which differentiate them from the lower animal kingdom;

The fall of man, the fact of sin and the necessity of a Saviour;

The virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, crucifixion, vicarious atonement, resurrection and ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ;

The presence, ministry and work of the Holy Spirit;

The doctrine of the new birth;

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Gerald B. Winrod

**T**HE FOUNDER of the Defenders movement, Dr. Gerald B. Winrod, was one of the most selfless persons ever to walk this earth. His every thought was of his fellow man and what he could do to improve his condition or standing.

He cared nothing for personal glory or fame, but the Lord did bless him with many exceptional talents, which he always wished to use for the benefit of mankind. Oftentimes, those of us who were closest to him became provoked for he would deny himself, almost beyond the call of duty, in order to be of help to a friend.

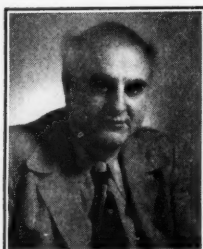
Dr. Winrod was never one to take a day off, or even to rest for a few hours. Many times, when he was almost at the point of exhaustion, someone for whom he had a great deal of admiration and respect would call long distance, asking him if he would do thus and so, and Dr. Winrod rarely said no.

Perhaps later on he needed additional information. Dr. Winrod would have one of his secretaries endeavor to get the person back on the phone, only to learn that he had gone off for a week end of hunting or fishing ... while Dr.

Winrod remained at his desk to map strategy for the friend's organization! But he never complained.

If he was called to Puerto Rico on missionary business, he never returned without bringing some sort of little souvenir back, to let the office staff know he had been thinking of them.

And he was constantly looking for new items for presentation to *Defender* readers, something useful, inspirational, or educational.



Shortly before his death last November he called various members of the staff together and proudly announced that at last he felt he had discovered a gift for *Defender* readers which met all three of the above qualifications ... for it was an item which not only was useful, it was beautiful to look at, and was also edu-

cational!

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"It is our sincere hope that this edition of 'Our American Heritage' will help all American citizens to a better understanding and a more conscious appreciation of that heritage; so that while they savor its privileges, they will also faithfully discharge the responsibilities so necessary to their continued life."

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# EASTER SERMON

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**Editor's Note:** Rev. Gordon Winrod, Pastor of the Messiah Lutheran Church of San Antonio, Texas, is the son of the Founder of the Defenders of the Christian Faith, Inc., Dr. Gerald B. Winrod.

*"And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept." I Corinthians 15:14-20.*

**O**NE DAY early in Christ's ministry He threw the money changers out of the temple. His enemies asked Him by what authority He did this. They asked for a sign. Jesus answered them

by showing that He not only had jurisdiction over this temple made with hands: He had power over even a greater temple, the temple of His body. He said: "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." He was speaking of His death and resurrection.

During the Pre-Easter Season, which we know as the Lenten Season of the Church Year, we have recalled how the Lord Jesus was subjected to intense suffering and was finally crucified. He was crucified, dead and buried on Friday. On the third day women who loved the Lord went out to His tomb. The stone was rolled away. He was gone. An angel said: "Why seek ye the living among the dead. He is risen as He said." On this Easter Sunday we remember the great wonder of that first Easter day.

After a person is born only one thing is certain. That is that he will die. It has been said that as soon as a child is born and takes his first breath he has begun to die . . . it is only a matter of time.

Many men are afraid of death. We all know that we must die. You will die. There are many who say that when death comes that is all. That is the end. Those who believe this contradict the desires of their own consciences. For their consciences tell them that there is a God, there is eternity, there is more than a simple short life-span.

Yet there are those who have believed that temporal death means complete termination of life. And there are those who have persisted in teaching that there is no life after death and that there is no resurrection.

There were such false teachers 2,000 years ago . . . even in Christian congregations. There was a Christian congregation in Corinth, Greece. Some in this church believed and taught this heresy. The Apostle Paul heard about it and wrote a letter to the Church at Corinth to be read by the congregation.

Paul wrote very clearly and tersely by inspiration of the Holy Spirit. He told them that there is a resurrection. There is a life hereafter. Our text for this Holy Easter Sunday is some of the words that Paul wrote to the Corinthian Christians.

If there had been no first Easter Sunday Paul could not have written what he did. On the basis of this portion of God's Word we shall talk about Easter today.

We could talk about the new hats, dresses, suits, flowers, and a beautiful sunny day. We could waste twenty-five minutes right now talking about the frills of Easter. But this morning on the basis of God's Word and by the gracious guidance of God's Holy Spirit we shall talk about:

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- II. The saving Christian faith is glorious and victorious.
- III. Believers have the assurance of forgiveness because God has accepted the sacrifice of His Son.
- IV. All who have died trusting in Christ have found fulfillment of the promise of heaven.

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AND seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:  
2 And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying.  
3 Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
4 Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

5 Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.  
6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

7 Blessed are the merciful: for

works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

17 I think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

20 For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall



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## L True Christian Preaching Has Been Valid.

Paul says in our text: "And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain."

Just as there are those in our time who do not believe in a resurrection, so in the early Church there were those who did not believe in a resurrection. Paul says "if there is no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen."

Jesus Christ rose from the dead about 30 A.D. Paul wrote almost 30 years later, about 58 or 59 A.D., and he said: if no one can ever rise from death unto life — then, of course, that includes Christ also. If there is no such thing as resurrection, then Christ is not risen.

"But," Paul says. I have preached to you that Christ is risen. Others have preached likewise.

Thus has it been down through the past nineteen centuries. True Christian preaching has included this great doctrine of Holy Writ, namely, that Jesus Christ suffered, died, and on the third day rose again from the dead.

If Christ did not rise as the Scriptures declare, if Christ is still in the grave, then all the true Christian preaching of all the Scriptures has been useless. If Christ be not risen from the dead then the central message of Christian preaching is based on a preposterous lie. If He had not risen, His own Word would have been a lie for He said that He would rise again.

But in verse 20 of our text the Holy writer assures us that Christ did rise: "But now is Christ risen from the dead."

A verse from a great resurrection hymn reads like this:

Low in the grave He lay, Jesus my Saviour!  
Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!  
Up from the grave He arose,  
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes;  
He arose a Victor from the dark domain,  
And He lives forever with His saints to reign,  
He arose! He arose!  
Hallelujah, Christ arose!

"Hallelujah," as the choir sang a few minutes ago, "Christ Arose." He is risen. And now our preaching is not based on a lie. It is based on the truth of the resurrection. Now our preaching is not useless, but as Scripture says:

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It is a *thrill* of Easter to know that the preaching of the Gospel for almost 20 centuries has been and still is the power of God to save from death unto life.

## II The Saving Christian Faith Is Glorious and Victorious.

Verse fourteen of our text says: "And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain."

If Christ did not rise from death, and yet people in some way believed in Him, their faith was vain. The faith of Christian people down through the past centuries would have been entirely futile. They would have been the victims of a gigantic hoax.

Several years ago a new translation of the Scriptures appeared on the market for the buying public. However, long before the first copy of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible was printed, the new Bible had been so highly advertised and well promoted that virtually thousands of copies had been sold. The public bought the new version before it had ever been officially accepted and thoroughly inspected by many denominations.

Some said that the American people had been taken for another ride, that they had been sold a pig in a poke, that they had been hoaxed. It did not take much time, however, to discover faulty, erroneous, or undesirable translations. If the people were hoaxed in this manner how much more were billions of people hoaxed by believing in Jesus Christ, if Christ did not rise from the dead.

Paul says: "If Christ be not risen your faith is *vain*." You have been hoaxed. If Christ be not risen then we who preach a crucified and risen Christ are false witnesses and liars, and you have believed our lies and so your faith is in nothing.

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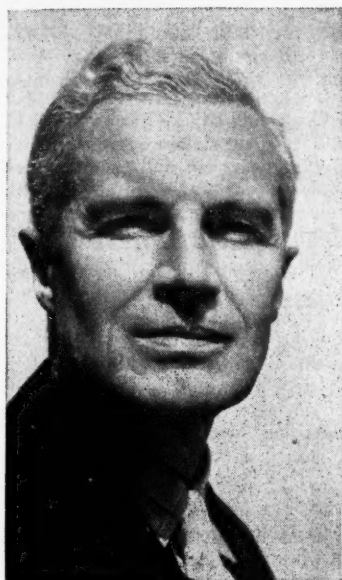
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I was young once, as you may be—today I am older. Not too old to enjoy the fruits of my work, but older in the sense of being wiser. And once I was poor, desperately poor. Today almost any man can stretch his income to make ends meet. Today, there are few who hunger for bread and shelter. But in my youth I knew the pinch of poverty; the emptiness of hunger; the cold stare of the creditor who would not take excuses for money. Today, all that is past. And behind my city house, my

summer home, my Cadillacs, my Winter-long vacations and my sense of independence—behind all the wealth of cash and deep inner satisfaction that I enjoy—there is one simple secret. It is this secret that I would like to impart to you. If you are satisfied with a humdrum life of service to another master, turn this page now—read no more. If you are interested in a fuller life, free from bosses, free from worries, free from fears, read further. This message may be meant for you.

By Victor B. Mason

I am printing my message in a magazine. It may come to the attention of thousands of eyes. But of all those thousands, only a few will have the vision to understand. Many may read; but of a thousand only you may have the intuition, the sensitivity, to understand that what I am writing may be intended for you—may be the tide that shapes your destiny, which, taken at the crest, carries you to levels of independence beyond the dreams of avarice.

Don't misunderstand me. There is no mysticism in this. I am not speaking of occult things; of innumerable laws of nature that will sweep you to success without effort on your part. That sort of talk is *rubbish*! And anyone who tries to tell you that you can *think* your way to riches without effort is a false friend. I am too much of a realist for that. And I hope you are.

I hope you are the kind of man—who you have read this far—who knows that anything worthwhile has to be *earned*! I hope you have learned that there is no reward without effort. If you have learned this, then you may be ready to take the next step in the development of your karma—you may be ready to learn and use the secret I have to impart.

## I Have All The Money I Need

In my own life I have gone beyond the need of money. I have it. I have gone beyond the need of gain. I have two businesses that pay me an income well above any amount I have need for. And, in addition, I have the satisfaction—the deep satisfaction—of knowing that I have put more than three hundred other men in businesses of their own. Since I have no need for money, the greatest satisfaction I get from life, is sharing my secret of personal independence with others—seeing them achieve the same heights of happiness that have come into my own life.

Please don't misunderstand this statement. I am not a philanthropist. I believe that charity is something that no proud man will accept. I have never seen a man who was worth his salt who would accept

something for nothing. I have never met a highly successful man whom the world respected who did not sacrifice something to gain his position. And, unless you are willing to make at least half the effort, I'm not interested in giving you a "leg up" to the achievement of your goal. Frankly, I'm going to charge you something for the secret I give you. Not a lot—but enough to make me believe that you are a little above the fellows who merely "wish" for success and are not willing to sacrifice something to get it.

## A Fascinating and Peculiar Business

I have a business that is peculiar—one of my businesses. The unusual thing about it is that it is needed in every little community throughout this country. But it is a business that will never be invaded by the "big fellows". It has to be handled on a local basis. No giant octopus can ever gobble up the whole thing. No big combine is ever going to destroy it. It is essentially a "one man" business that can be operated without outside help. It is a business that is good summer and winter. It is a business that is growing each year. And, it is a business that can be started on an investment so small that it is within the reach of anyone who has a television set. But it has nothing to do with television.

This business has another peculiarity. It can be started at home in spare time. No risk to present job. No risk to present income. And no need to let anyone else know you are "on your own". It can be run as a spare time business for extra money. Or, as it grows to the point where it is paying more than your present salary, it can be expanded into a full time business—overnight. It can give you a sense of personal independence that will free you forever from the fear of lay-off, loss of job, depressions, or economic reverses.

## Are You Mechanically Inclined?

While the operation of this business is partly automatic, it won't run itself. If you are to use it as a stepping stone to independence, you must be able to work with your hands, use such tools as hammer and screw driver, and enjoy getting into a pair of blue jeans and rolling up your sleeves. But two hours a day of manual work will keep your "factory" running 24 hours turn-

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## Does Happiness Hang on Your Decision?

Don't put this off. It may be a coincidence that you are reading these words right now. Or, it may be a matter that is more deeply connected with your destiny than either of us can say. There is only one thing certain: If you have read this far you are interested in the kind of independence I enjoy. And if that is true, then you must take the next step. No coupon on this advertisement. If you don't think enough of your future happiness and prosperity to write your name on a postcard and mail it to me, forget the whole thing. But if you think there is a destiny that shapes men's lives, send your name now. What I send you may convince you of the truth of this proverb. And what I send you will not cost a penny, now or at any other time.

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## FROM PAGE 8.

"But now is Christ risen."

The faith of Christian people is a glorious and victorious thing, based on the omnipotent, divine Redeemer of whom God Himself said: "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."

Because Christ rose from the dead our Christian faith, faith that grasps the blessings of God's saving promises, faith that accepts and receives forgiveness and salvation, faith that receives hope of heaven — because Christ rose from the dead that faith is valid.

What a horrible tragedy would befall us if we now knew our faith was nothing! But what a *thrill* of Easter it is to know that our faith in Christ Jesus, the Saviour, saves from the jealous wrath of God and gives to us forgiveness, life, and salvation.

### III.

#### Believers have the Assurance of Forgiveness Because God has Accepted the Sacrifice of His Son.

"And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain and ye are yet in your sins."

Scripture teaches us that by one man sin entered into the world and death by sin. The Bible says: "Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation" ... "For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners" "The wages of sin is death." We are sinners. Our very nature is sinful. We daily sin much and deserve temporal punishment and eternal damnation.

Man needs a Saviour from sin. God so loved the world that He gave Jesus, His only begotten Son. He is the propitiation for our sins. Only God could forgive sin out of His great love. Man desperately needs the Son of God. Jesus Christ is that Holy One of God.

However, if Christ had not risen from the dead on Easter Sunday, not

only preaching would have been vain, not only faith would have been vain, but we would not have a Saviour from sin. We would have no forgiveness.

We would still be in our sins if Christ had not risen. Since transgression of God's law is sin and the wages of sin is death, our wages would be death because of our sins. The penalty would still be ours to pay.

There would be no "peace on earth" between God and men. There would be no comfort for the sin-sick soul and for the dying world. We would also be without "hope and without God in the world." All would be lost and condemned to eternity in hell prepared for the devil and his angels.

All this has been rectified, for Jesus is truly the Son of God. His resurrection is proof. And now in Christ the barrier of sin separating man from God is broken down. In Christ there is forgiveness of sins, because the Son of God died and shed His blood for men's forgiveness. His resurrection is living proof of His royal identity and living proof of His power over sin and the grave.

Christ Jesus is the vicarious Redeemer. He is the Substitute who satisfied God's wrath on sin. God's wrath was poured out on His only Son. It is a real *thrill* for us to know that God accepted the Substitute. It is a *thrill* for us to know that God received His Son's death as payment in full for us.

It is a *thrill* of Easter to understand that by the raising of His Son from death God the Father has told all men of the acceptance of Christ for the full atonement. The sting of death is sin. But with sin forgiven death has lost its sting. The grave has lost its victory.

### IV.

#### All Who have Died Trusting in Christ have Found Fulfillment Of The Promise of Heaven.

"And if Christ be not raised, then they which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished."

If Christ had not risen from the dead

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those who have died trusting in Christ for their salvation would still be in the grave with Him. As He would have perished in the grave, so they would have perished eternally.

We shall all die. If we believe in Christ and if Christ did not rise then we too could only expect death forever. "But now is Christ risen."

We have lost loved ones and friends so very near and dear to us in this life. We shall not ever forget them. Where are they at this moment? Did they believe in Christ for forgiveness of their sins? If they believed in Christ and Christ is now still in the grave they too, will never reach eternal life. "But now is Christ risen."

Do we believe in a Jesus who has not been raised from the dead? If we do then we are of all men most miserable. But we believe in a risen Lord and Saviour.

A tremendous *thrill* of Easter for us is our certainty that those who have died believing in Jesus are now safely in the everlasting arms of Jesus. They have found the fulfillment of their hope, a hope based on the promises of Christ.

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

"I am the Resurrection and the Life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

Christ is the firstfruits. We who trust in Him follow. He is our Fore-runner from death to life and from earth to heaven.

### CONCLUSION

These are the *thrills* of Easter. These are the truths that will thrill you and be really meaningful to you only if you approach God through Christ in a spirit of repentance for sin and in faith which trusts the saving merits of the risen Lord. No matter what the sin, and no matter how grievous the fault, that sin is forgiven and heaven's gates are open to him who will open his arms of faith and receive Christ into His heart.

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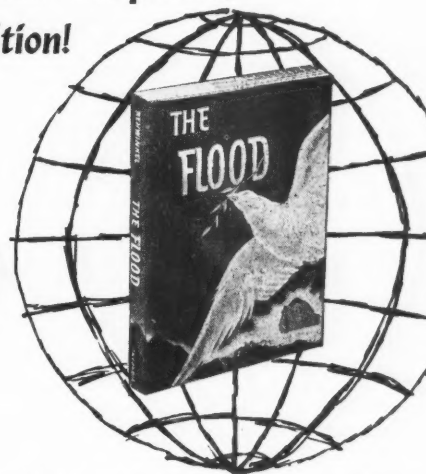
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## THE HOLE IN THE DIKE

(See Editorial, page 15)

**"BUT WE HAVE** to spend money — in all directions. This is an emergency!"

I have heard that from almost every session of Congress for as long as I can remember.

There's *always* an emergency!

Just one year ago there were signs of economic sanity. Republicans and Democrats alike were agreeing that our survival required economic balance, as well as military strength.

Almost everyone was intensely interested in reducing any nonmilitary extravagance that threatened us with deeper debt, ultimate insolvency.

Many Congressmen couldn't "come out" against specific spending wherever their own personal interests were involved, but all were agreed, at least in principle, that a sound dollar is important.

Suddenly, because the Soviets shoot a tin moon into space, we go to pieces.

To catch up in the space race, more money was needed! This was an emergency!

And more military money was warranted.

But when we pulled our thumb out of the dike, to allow a few millions more for hardware ...

Suddenly billions gushed forth ... earmarked for every purpose!

Now, because we have loosened the purse strings to buy some military reinforcements, Congressman X figures this is a convenient time for him to slip through a few million for his pet project.

The White House asks a billion extra for educational scholarships.

Senator Lister Hill says, "Why not make it three?"

And he asks for three.

"This is an emergency!"

The President who campaigned for a 60-billion-dollar budget is now asking 74.

Secretary Dulles throws open the treasury to the Indians and the Syrians and the Egyptians and the Indonesians and the dozens of others who are standing in the free-lunch line ...

And *nobody even protests any more!*

They're your dollars. The debt we're piling up is one *your children must pay!*

Yet the 1958 attitude around Washington aims a sophisticated sneer at anyone who is so out of date as to talk of "balanced budgets."

And now every ragtag, pork barrel project that Congress can think of is being tacked onto the already burdensome budget.

You know how it is around the house ...

After counting pennies, one day you let yourself go on some big expenditure. After that it's easy to figure, "What's the use ..."

And you go on a spending spree for a whole slew of desirable things you've been wanting ... but couldn't afford.

Then comes the end of the month.

"Government debt" is no less personal, no less real. These "extras" Congress is voting are most all "desirable."

But not worth going bankrupt for.

### Yanks, Go Home

Japan, beneficiary of American billions, revived with artificial economic respiration by the American taxpayer,

is now arrogantly placing better restaurants "off limits to Americans."

Japan, prospering from American trade concessions and receiving monthly transfusions of American dollars, is "restricting" newer and more elegant apartment houses to Japanese.

In Britain, American troops spend — or cause to be spent — 440 million dollars a year! That's more than American tourists spend there.

Yet the signs reading "Yanks Go Home" still appear scrawled on empty store fronts.

This doesn't show up in our foreign aid figures. Yet Britain receives more dollars from the spending of our military men than she does from her entire whisky and auto export put together.

Yet Britain, while planning to reduce her taxes, has asked to be excused from making this year's payment on her loan debt to us.

Our Air Force in Britain employs 4,000 British civilians; pays them 12 million dollars a year.

Yet recent editorials in the British press criticize us for thus upping the pay scale for British clerical help. They accuse us of "contributing to inflation."

Britain, which could fight inflation by holding the line on taxes and paying something on her indebtedness to us, elects, instead, to blame us.

Yet, before we berate the British and Japanese as uncommonly inhospitable and ungrateful, maybe we'd better first look in the mirror.

Many cities in the United States profit immeasurably from the proximity of a military base, yet have little genuine affection for the "transients" based there.

I've seen exceptions. But I've seen it "the rule" more often. A community urges its Congressman to secure or re-activate an adjacent military base ...

Eying the million dollars a month which its payroll will contribute to the local trade, the citizens are utterly enthusiastic about attracting the military establishment. They will even publicly proclaim their economic dependence upon it ...

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### Parkinson's Law

A booklet is circulating through the business fraternity and nobody's certain whether it's amusing or frightening. It's called "Parkinson's Law," by C. Northcote Parkinson.

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Harvey pulls no punches, but calls them as he sees them. His fearlessly clear vision is a guiding light in the confusion of world problems today.

The author of three best-selling volumes, Harvey holds citations from the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Freedom Foundation and the Disabled American Veterans. He has received honorary Doctor of Letters degrees from Culver-Stockton College in Missouri and New York's St. Bonaventure University.

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Everyone who is interested in the world about him will be enlightened and inspired by this new feature, which will appear each month in *The Defender*.

So turn to pages 12 and 13 and start following Paul Harvey News regularly.

April, 1958

## THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION

*"He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay." Matthew 28:6*

Many graves are sacred because of their contents. Not so, with the tomb of our Lord. It is glorious, it is unique, because it is *empty*. The Christian religion is the only belief founded on an empty tomb. In non-Christian faiths the followers make pilgrimages to the graves of their founders because they contain the earthly remains of their leaders. Our Lord vacated His resting place after three days and nights.

No fact is better established than that of the empty tomb. The resurrection of Christ is the unshakeable Gibraltar of our faith. Agnostics, skeptics, infidels, and modernists, with hammer and chisel of unbelief, have not removed a tiny chip from this mountain of hope.

It is today, and forever, the citadel of the Christian religion. His resurrection is the clearest note in our battle song. The sweetest music to the sorrowing heart is, "I am the resurrection and the life."

At Calvary the hope for a kingdom by the disciples was shriveled to the size of a lonely grave. But with the discovery of the empty tomb, a new day dawns for the followers of Christ.

The open tomb in Jerusalem has become the hub of the universe. From and around this cardinal truth, radiates the fundamentals of the Gospel. Without the Light that beams through the open door of the empty tomb, this world would be wrapped in the darkness of eternal night.

The Resurrection of Christ is the guarantee of the satisfaction of the price paid by Christ for the redemption of man. This fact gives assurance that His work on Calvary was accepted by the Father. Calvary would be meaningless without the miracle of the resurrection. These two giant pillars of Christian truth stand in the strength of each other.

The resurrection of Christ is the guarantee of the resurrection of the Christian. He became the "firstfruits." What a mighty harvest will follow!

The dying saint can rest his weary head with ease and assurance on this pillow of eternal hope. The fear of the

future fades away in the presence of living faith in the Living Christ. Without such confidence, we would be "of all men most miserable."

Take a look at the empty tomb — historically it reminds us that the great resurrection prophecies are fulfilled. Prophetically it declares that the Christian need have no fear of the grave. It assures us that we who have lost loved ones shall meet again.

"He is not here." Here they had placed Him, here they had buried Him, here they sealed the tomb, here they placed armed guards, but "He is not here."

Had He remained there, with Him would have been buried the hope of the world.

"He is risen as He said." He kept His word in life and in death. He foretold His resurrection. His word is Truth! He kept His appointment with His disciples in Galilee, as He said. He ascended, as He said. He went to the Father's right hand, as He said. He sent the Holy Spirit, as He said. He will come again, as He said.

"Come see the place." What an invitation! To the sinner in need of a Saviour, to the discouraged and perplexed of earth, come. To those in deepest sorrow, come; to those with faltering faith, come; to those to whom life is an endless series of disappointments, *Come!*

The risen, living Christ seeks to reveal Himself to us as a constant Companion, a Companion with us in life, with us in death, and with us in eternity. Make this Living Christ the senior partner of your life. Living will take on new beauty and meaning when He is given His rightful place.

Not only is He with us, but He said, "I will go before you."

He went before us in creation, making a place for us. He went before us in redemption, taking our place. He goes before us in life, selecting the paths we are to travel. He went before us into the dark tomb and glorified it with Eternal Light. He went before us on the battlefield of death and came forth the Mighty Conqueror.

In His conflict with death, He took the sting out of it. He went before us into Heaven to prepare a place for us and said, "I will come again and receive you unto myself." Oh, glorious Saviour!

## COMIC ECONOMICS

Leave it to our former President to disregard the facts in his public utterances, especially when he is lambasting his deadly enemies — the Republicans, both "old school" and "modern."

One of his latest cracks, and this really comes under the heading of "Comic Economics," is his utterance on the subject of balanced budgets. Here's what he said:

"I never lost sight of the desirability and the necessity of achieving a balanced budget."

That's what he said.

Now let's look at his performance.

Mr. Truman took over as Chief Executive on April 12, 1945. On that day, according to the official report, the national debt was \$234,142,255,085.70.



Harry turned the job over to Dwight Eisenhower on January 19, 1953, approximately eight years later. He handed over to Ike a national debt, officially listed as of that date, of \$267,274,819,744.41.

By a simple process of subtraction, we find that Harry left a national debt of \$33,132,564,658.71 greater than when he took over! Rather a strange performance for an individual who "never lost sight of the desirability and the necessity of achieving a balanced budget."

At least, one has a right to think that he has no right to "cast stones" at his successor under whose administration over a 5-year-period the national debt has increased only slightly by comparison!

—George Peck



## Religious News and Views

✦ *Washington, D.C.* — The National Association of Evangelicals has enlarged its office space in Washington. It now occupies one floor of the Western Union Building. Dr. Clyde W. Taylor is the Executive Secretary. (Dr. Taylor was a recent speaker in the Gospel Tabernacle in St. Petersburg, Florida, of which the *Defender* editor is pastor.)

✦ *Wheaton, Illinois* — The Scripture Press Foundation has recently acquired two family magazines, "My Chum" and "The Christian Parent."

✦ *Clearwater, Florida* — The recent "Florida Keswick Conference" conducted at Trinity College, under the auspices of the School, was attended by large crowds. The conference speakers were Dr. T. W. Wilson, Dr. Albert Hughes, Dr. John McNeill and Dr. John J. Lanting.

✦ *New York, New York* — The Women's Union Missionary Society recently observed their 97th anniversary with special services in the First Reformed Episcopal Church. Mrs. Wallace Paddon presided.

✦ *Atlanta, Georgia* — The Georgia Commission on Education has issued a four page sheet describing a meeting at Monteagle, Tennessee. It was an "inter-racial seminar" attended by many prominent leaders of communist-front organizations.

✦ *Middlebury, Vermont* — Dr. Benjamin Wissler, addressing the Lions Club stated: "Educationally speaking, I wonder if we have not become a soft generation in this country. As a result of our plush economy students feel that without actual endeavor in ten years they should have two-car families, suburban homes and no worries."

✦ *Nyack, New York* — The president of Nyack Missionary College has announced his plans for retirement. He has served the school since 1940.

✦ *Washington, D.C.* — In a survey recently made it was found that two out of three persons, over fourteen years of age, regard themselves as Protestants.

✦ *Washington, D.C.* — Dr. Bernard Braskamp, chaplain of the house, now reads a portion from the Bible before his prayer opening the daily sessions of Congress.

✦ *San Juan, Puerto Rico* — Evangelist Billy Graham ministered to thousands on the island in his brief Crusade. Evangelical churches of the island co-operated. Many hundreds made the decision to "follow Christ."

✦ *Memphis, Tennessee* — The Bellevue Baptist Church of which Dr. R. G. Lee is the pastor, has a built-in television studio. The cost of the project was \$52,000. They have a license from the Federal Communications Commission.

✦ *Houston, Texas* — In this issue The Crusaders, "Knights of the Christian Faith" open their membership drive and vow that, by His grace, "honky-tonks," the breeding grounds to all sin must go! They are also offering \$100.00, plus recording royalties, for the best words (lyrics), or words and music, for their campaign and group singing song "Get In The Saddle With Christ." (See page 37).

✦ *Santa Ana, California* — Major Robert H. Williams, news analyst, lecturer and former Counter Intelligence Officer announces through the March issue of his Williams Intelligence Summary that his organization is closing up shop, due chiefly to rising costs and the need of physical rest. Major Williams is to be commended for the untiring efforts he has put forth through the years.

✦ *Long Beach, California* — Dr. Charles E. Fuller, pioneer radio preacher recently began his thirty-fourth year in broadcasting the Gospel. The "Old Fashioned Revival Hour" has been heard by millions each week throughout the years. The announcement has been made future programs will be confined to thirty minutes each. Many regard the long history of this program as a "miracle in radio."

✦ *Charlotte, North Carolina* — The Southern Baptist denomination has set a goal to establish 30,000 new churches by 1964. Dr. C. C. Warren is the director of the New Church campaign.





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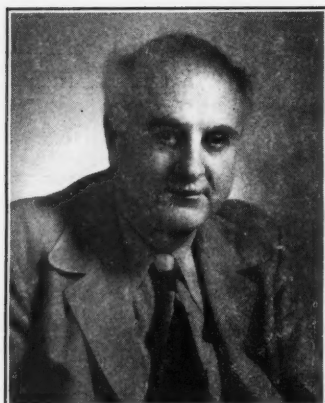
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# THE ATONEMENT, VIRGIN BIRTH AND RESURRECTION

GERALD B. WINROD, D.D.  
(AS REPRINTED FROM THE  
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**H**AVE YOU EVER noticed how the word "Atonement" is spelled? *At-one-ment*. Jesus Christ on the cross, one hand in heaven, the other hand on earth, bringing heaven and earth together in an At-one-ment — a divine reconciliation.

The Atonement is veiled in mystery. It is a great plan conceived in the heart of the Infinite. No spoken word can make it real to the mental faculties. We finite beings cannot speak the language of the Infinite.

Of necessity, Calvary and the finished work involved must be accepted and appropriated in faith. It can be demonstrated by every mortal who will accept the finished work in faith.

There is much about the Atonement that can be gripped in the light of intellectual perception. We know that man's fall into sin made necessary an Atonement for sin. We know that countless multitudes have proved that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin.

Dr. A. C. Dixon, that noble prince of preachers, who went to his heavenly reward recently, left a beautiful illustration. He said that in a country school in the hills of North Carolina the children enacted some peculiar rules.

One rule in one school was that any boy found stealing the lunch of another boy should receive across his back, with his coat removed, thirty-nine lashes, administered by the hand of the teacher.

One winter some of the boys began missing their lunches. A spy caught a frail, sickly, eleven-year-old lad in the act of taking another boy's lunch. Immediately the culprit was brought before the teacher's desk and questioned.

Trembling from head to foot, with the tears raining down his cheeks, the little fellow begged the teacher not to whip him. He said, "if need be, teacher, give me twice thirty-nine lashes, but don't make me take my coat off."

The teacher told him to remove his coat at once. Sobbing audibly, he removed four little wooden pegs from his coat. There were no buttons there. After removing the fourth peg, he started bravely to take his coat off.

At that moment a big eighteen-year-old mountain lad got up in the rear of the school building and, walking down the aisle, asked the teacher for permission to take the whipping that belonged to the little fellow. The teacher put the matter to a vote among the pupils and, getting an affirmative reply from them, told the big fellow to take his coat off.

Again and again the teacher buried the lash across the eighteen-year-old lad's back. Thirty-seven, thirty-eight, thirty-nine blows, and the lash plowed deep furrows across the boy's back and the blood oozed forth.

The mountain lad fell to the floor exhausted, crying, suffering, when the little fellow came over and, drying the tears with a dirty coat sleeve, said "Thank you for taking the whipping that belonged to me."

No spoken word can explain the mystery of vicarious Atonement, but multitudes have proved that Jesus Christ took the whipping that belonged to them. Multitudes have proved that Isaiah spoke the truth when he said, "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."

## THE VIRGIN BIRTH

The way of His birth establishes the absolute fact of His Deity. With bold utterances we hear modernists say that, in all probability, Joseph was the father of Jesus. Some have gone further and said that, in all probability, Mary made a mistake before marriage and that Jesus was the son of a Roman soldier.

A group of Scribes and Pharisees made a similar charge when they said in John 8:41: "We be not born of fornication," which was implying that Jesus was thus born. How He must have resented that slander against His mother's name. As He replied in the forty-fourth verse: "Ye are of your father the devil."

Indeed, not a few are saying that science has disproved the virgin birth. On the contrary, science has nothing to say about the virgin birth. The virgin birth involves a miracle and is therefore outside the realm of science. Science cannot prove or disprove the virgin birth.

If the Bible is to be taken as final authority, there can be no question about the Nativity story.

Modernists know if they can get Christians to doubt the virgin birth, they can easily destroy faith in the Deity of Jesus, for the destruction of

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The resurrection of Jesus Christ is a fact — the most stupendous fact in history. The modernists are dogmatic and say bluntly that the resurrection story is false. If Jesus did not resurrect from the dead, then in the new tomb of Joseph there is a clump of bones and a small portion of dust. In that tomb there is a dead Christ and a dead religion, because it is the resurrection story that gives Christianity life and vitality.

It is the resurrection that gives Christianity a distinction that no other religion enjoys. *It makes our religion unique.* It clinches the Christian's faith.

I do not share the view of that modernist who said if they were to find the bones of Jesus in a tomb, it would not interfere with his faith. I say, disprove the resurrection story and you have wrecked my faith. The resurrection clinched Paul's faith and he made it the cornerstone of Christian theology.

Some months ago I stood before the tomb of Abraham Lincoln in Springfield, Illinois. It was hallowed ground. A few weeks later in Washington, D.C. I climbed the steps of the Congressional Library Building and in one of the upper balconies I looked through a plate glass and saw a pinch of white dust in a tiny glass locket. A guard informed me that that was some of the dust of the body of Christopher Columbus.

Leaving Washington, we made that beautiful drive down the Potomac and our first stop was at Arlington. There I saw a simple tomb marking the spot where had been laid to rest the mortal remains of William Jennings Bryan.

Continuing our drive down the Potomac, the next stop was at Mount Vernon. There, in a tomb will be found all that the world could retain of George Washington.

Millions of Buddhists look to a great ball-shaped building in India as the

most sacred spot in all the world because there rest the mortal remains of their Buddha. But as Christians, we rejoice in an empty grave!

That empty grave gives to you and me the unmistakable hope that this valley of tears does not end it all but that, in the after life there will be a reconciliation of friend with friend.

Jesus went through the death state and, coming out of the tomb, revealed to us what conditions will be like after our death. After His resurrection He recognized His friends and His friends recognized Him. This bespeaks for us the eternal hope of recognition in the after life.

Jesus never preached a funeral sermon while He was on earth. He broke up every funeral He attended. The dead just couldn't stay dead where Jesus was. When He came in one door, death went out the other.

I was scheduled to speak recently in a city in the northern part of my State. Early in the morning I received a long distance telephone call telling me that my aged and saintly grandmother was at the point of death, that if I wished to see her alive I must come at once. I cancelled my speaking engagement for that evening and made my way to Wichita as quickly as possible.

Going into the sick room and looking into the wonderful eyes of my grandmother, I inquired, "Granny, do you know me?" She replied, "It's Gerald who has come to be with me before I die."

I opened the Bible to the twenty-third Psalm and read: "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." In a few minutes her eyes were closed and her heart was still.

Two days later I stood before the yawning grave and saw the casket placed beneath the sod. The heavens became like brass. But standing there with an aching heart, there came to me a hope, and I saw a light go down through that casket and come up on the other side, and it seemed to say, "Your grandmother is not dead; you will see her again."

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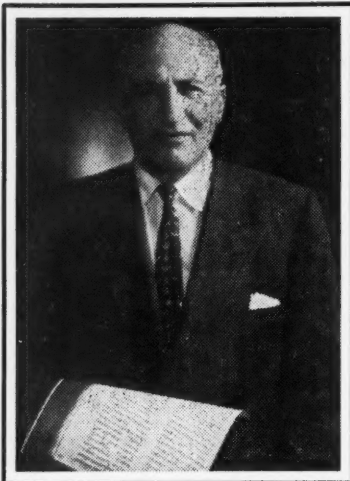
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# CHRISTIANITY IS A SEMITIC RELIGION

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**I**F GREEK was the language in which the New Testament was written, why then did the Eastern Christians not know it? Why is it that such a great event was ignored by the Eastern fathers, historians, and writers who covered all other important events which transpired in their days? All other races who have made translations of the Holy Scriptures into their languages have recorded and celebrated the great event.

For example, the Armenians who until the 5th century A.D., used the Aramaic language as the ecclesiastical language, read Aramaic Scriptures in their churches, and studied the Bible from the Aramaic Peshitta manuscripts, made a translation into the Armenian language in 510 A.D. Not a long time ago, the Armenians in America celebrated the anniversary of their Bible translation. The English, Germans, and other races make a great event of their translations of the Bible into their languages.

Indeed, just as the Germans and English used Latin texts for many centuries before the Bible was translated into their languages, the Armenians, Persian Christians and Arabian Christians used Aramaic. After all, this language was the literary language of all the Near East and the language of commerce and government.

In the East, on the contrary, we are told that Jesus, his Apostles and the early Christians spoke and wrote in Aramaic, the language of the land in which they were born and reared; the language of the synagogue in which they were nursed in the bosom of Juda-

ism; the language in which the Hebrew patriarchs spoke, taught, and prayed. This fact has never been denied.

Even the most prominent Greek scholars today admit that Jesus, his disciples and his early followers spoke and thought in Aramaic and that their teaching was handed down in that language. If this is the case, where does Greek come in? And why should an Aramaic speaking people write their sacred literature in a totally alien tongue which could not express Semitic theological terms of speech? Why is it that the Targums and both Jewish Talmuds were written in Aramaic and the great Jewish historian, Josephus, wrote his famous work on the Jewish wars in Aramaic?

Christianity grew out of the reformation of the Jewish religion. Jesus, his disciples and his faithful followers were all members of the Jewish faith. They all were brought up in the synagogue and went to Jerusalem to pray in the holy temple, reading and teaching the word of God in Semitic languages, Aramaic and Hebrew (two sister languages).

On the other hand, Jesus' teaching was based on the teaching of the Hebrew prophets and the law of Moses. Jesus had come to fulfill both the law and the prophets. He came to his own people first.

## THE GREEKS

Why should the Greeks be concerned about Jewish religion and the reformation which was taking place therein in a land which was far away from them? The Greeks, like other Gentiles, harassed the Jews and did everything to destroy their religion and temple.

This is not all. Historically, we know that Aramaic was replaced by Arabic, a sister tongue, in the 7th century, A.D.

How then could Greek have come in between these two Semitic languages? On the other hand, Greek was never spoken in Palestine. Josephus tells us that hardly one or two Jews could speak or write in Greek.

The Greek conquest of Palestine was of shorter duration than that of any other power which occupied the Holy Land. The Greek occupation lasted about seven years and after that, Palestine was under the Syrian kingdom ruled by a Greek general. This was known as the Seleucid Empire.

In other words, if Greek had become the vernacular and literary language of Palestine and the Near East then the transition would have been from Greek to Arabic instead of from Aramaic to Arabic as we have stated before, and Greek would still be spoken today in the Biblical lands.

But this is not the case for Aramaic and Arabic are the only two Semitic languages which have been the official languages in Biblical lands or in the Fertile Crescent. This fact is supported by the names of localities in the New Testament, Eastern thinking, idioms, parables, and metaphors which are purely Semitic.

There is not the slightest evidence of an alien thought in the whole Bible to suggest that any portion thereof was written in a non-Semitic language. As it has been said in a previous article, the term "Greeks" does not occur in the Peshitta, the Eastern text. The term "Arameans" for one reason or another was replaced by the translators by the term "Greeks" or forged later on. The Arameans (Syrians) and the Jews are neighbors and members of the same race and culture.

If the Romans during their long reign of about six hundred years were unable to change the language of Palestine and other parts of the Near East, how could the Greeks have succeeded in doing this in seven years? This is also true of the Persian and Turkish rule.

None of these nations succeeded in implanting their language or culture upon the indomitable Semitic people in the Fertile Crescent and especially the tenacious Jews who resisted all alien innovations, abhorred pagan cultures and religions and clung to their ancient traditions.

If these linguistic changes were im-

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possible during the recent long Turkish reign, how could it have been possible in the 3rd century, B.C., when reading and writing were in their infancy and when printing and paper were unknown?

Moreover, since the Church of the East has never departed from the Apostolic teachings there was no reason to revise its Scripture nor would the Eastern Christians have dared to change a word from the Holy Writ.

The revision of the Scriptures was prompted by two things; first, errors due to the first translators; second, changes and revisions made later to substantiate alien doctrines which were introduced into Christian religion and which were contrary to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Indeed, all translations are subject to revision but an original cannot be changed especially a holy book containing the Word of God. Thus, since the eternal Gospel was written in the vernacular Aramaic, the language of the people in Biblical lands, there was no reason to revise or change a word of it. Christians were admonished that both the New Testament and the Old Testament warn against additions or omissions from the Scripture.

### INTERNAL EVIDENCE

The internal evidence proves how errors were made first during the transcription from one Semitic alphabet, *estrangelo*, and into another, the square letters, and later by mistranslation of Semitic words and idioms into alien languages. Any student of Aramaic would easily see at a glance how these errors stem from one alphabet into another and how Aramaic words similar to one another can easily be mistaken by translators.

Owing to the lack of the understanding of Aramaic, Western scholars have brushed the Eastern text (Peshitta) aside without even taking the trouble to examine it. This is one reason why the Peshitta was never translated.

Many Aramaic words are still to be found in the Greek text. For example, the word *Raca* which means to spit. (Matthew 5:22). Other Aramaic words are *Ethpatak*, *Rabbuli*, *Lemana*, *Shabkthani*, *Taliha Koomi*, *Maran Etha*, *Manna*, *Khakal-Dema*. A few examples of the mistranslations will convince any student that the Greek is a translation from the Aramaic. Whenever two Aramaic words resemble one another, the translator into Greek, at times, took the wrong word.

For example in Matthew 18:19, the King James version reads:

"... if two of you shall agree on earth. ..."

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The Eastern text reads:

"... if two of you are worthy on earth. ..."

In Revelation 11:1, the King James version reads:

"... Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein."

The Eastern text reads:

"... Arise and anoint the temple of God and the altar and those who worship therein."

These errors were made because of the similarity of the two words in Aramaic. No one would ask a priest to measure the thousands of people who enter into the temple but even today people are anointed with the holy oil.

Paul, according to the Eastern text, was a saddle maker. The Greek text says "tentmaker." Saddle making is still a trade in which many learned men are employed but tents are made by women. The saddles were beautifully embroidered and decorated with inscriptions. Paul carried the cloth with him and sold it to other saddle makers wherever he could. In the East, princes, noblemen and rich men use highly decorated and expensive saddles some of which cost thousands of dollars.

The history of the Christian Church proves beyond a doubt that the Gospel of Christ took more than four hundred years to appeal to the Gentile world and this had to be done by an imperial decree after the conversion of Emperor Constantine to Christianity.

Hitherto, Christianity was a contradiction of the way of life in Greece and Rome. It was a new Jewish concept of a universal religion and human brotherhood which was naive and rudimentary in the eyes of pagan Europe. This is why most of the Apostles met a violent death and thousands of Christians were martyred in the West and, some of them were burned and some were thrown to the lions.

Indeed, the Christian Gospel was first preached to the Jews, then to the Gentile world. Jesus had admonished his disciples not to go among the Gentiles but to preach the eternal Gospel to the Jews first.

The time has come to go back to the Semitic languages. The Western world has spent many centuries on the Greek and have not gotten anywhere. The more research and study of the Greek text, the more confusion, theological controversies, divisions and dissensions which have weakened the Christian Church. The mustard seed had to grow in its own soil, that is, in the bosom of Judaism and develop strong branches so that the nations and races of the earth might shelter under its refreshing shadow.

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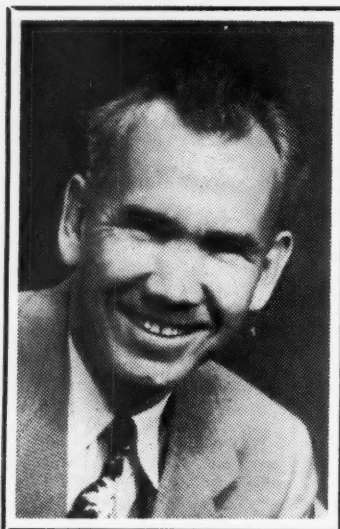
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"**NOTHING GREAT** can be expected from a man who is ignorant of music," according to an ancient Greek proverb. Poets call music the "language of the soul," and such it is.

Music is fundamentally an expression of human emotions. It is a basic law of nature that emotions seek expression.

All emotions are either pleasurable or painful, and, as such, they are definite muscular stimuli. Watch a person standing on a street corner, waiting for a friend who is late for an appointment. He probably expresses impatience by tapping the ground with his foot, rhythmically.

Notice a person who is enduring untold sorrow. Is he not apt to involuntarily rock back and forth in grief? Watch an infant express joyful emotion — he'll probably pat his hands rhythmically. Watch him express anger — he'll probably beat on the side of his crib.

Pain finds expression in groaning. Pleasure finds expression in laughter. Anger finds expression in shouting. All human emotions seek a vocal or physical avenue of expression.

The vocal expression of emotion

gradually led, in mankind's earliest beginnings, to the development of song. The combination of sound, rhythm, and pitch produced the earliest crude songs; the same constituent elements produce the most complicated musical compositions of the twentieth century.

Music is as old as humanity; to express emotion by means of music is as natural as breathing. The most uncouth savages in the remotest corners of the world have always had some form of crude music. Naked cannibals, whose mental attainments did not permit them to count up to five, had no hesitancy in endeavoring to produce music.

It is a strange fact, but quite true, that the most uncivilized creatures generally possess the most pronounced sense of rhythm. It seems that as men gradually become civilized the sense of rhythm seems to diminish.

Ability to produce music is often determined by an individual's capacity for emotion. The stoical races are not noted for their musical accomplishments, as a rule. The greatest composers and musicians have been, almost without exception, highly temperamental and intensely emotional.

The statement that "musicians and singers are too temperamental" has

been oft reiterated, and the statement contains a great deal of truth. But the fact remains that the musician's emotional temperament, or temperamental emotions, are the very basis of his musical genius. This of course does not excuse his selfishness, egoism, or irrationalism. But, unless he possesses a deep capacity for emotion the music which he produces is apt to be artificial and superficial.

Not only is music used to express one's own emotion, but it also is a powerful instrument to incite emotion in the hearts of those who hear. A song can stir emotion to its very depths. It can elevate, inspire, encourage, enrapture; or it can debase and degrade.

Any emotion — love, hate, desire, anger, courage, hope, trust, fear — that is in the human heart, can be musically expressed. These same emotions can be stirred in the hearts of hearers, as well.

Music is used not only to express emotion, and to incite emotion, but it can also be used as a descriptive. It is possible for the brilliant composer to musically paint the picture of an autumn evening so realistically that the hearer can almost see the sunset! Indeed, music has tremendous descriptive power. "The Rustle of Spring," "The Chariot Race," "The Storm," "The Meadow-Lark" . . . these are excellent examples of the descriptive power of music.

All music, whether vocal or instrumental, can be classified into these three aforementioned groups . . . music which *expresses* emotion, music which *incites* emotion, and music which *describes*.

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When the celestial choir director, the "anointed cherub," directed the music of the universe it probably was in a glorious, majestic major. Everything was in perfect harmony with Divinity; discords and minors were unknown. (For a description of this celestial song-leader, "full of wisdom," "perfect in beauty," with music "prepared in [him] in the day that [he] was created," read the twenty-eighth chapter of Ezekiel.)

Then came the entrance of sin into the universe. The "anointed cherub" became proud and haughty and rebelled against God. "Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom because of thy brightness; I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings... Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee... thou shalt be a terror..." (Ezekiel 28:17-19).

These Scripture passages seem to indicate that Satan was once the musical director of the universe, God's song-leader, before he was cast out of Heaven. No wonder that he knows the tremendous power of music! No wonder that Satanic music has such power to degrade, debase and destroy!

The change of only one note can transform a major chord into a minor one. For example, C, E, and G form a major chord. Change the E to an E-flat, and the result is a minor chord. The entrance of that single note, sin, transformed the glorious major symphonies of the divinely-harmonized universe into the minor fugues of sorrow, distress and hopelessness.

Every minor which exists today — every tear, every sorrow, every war, every plague, every famine, every disappointment, every funeral procession, every crime, every wrong — can be directly blamed upon the presence of that single note, sin! The joy and gladness to be found in life is tinged with wist-

fulness, with the constant knowledge that there's something wrong in the universe.

Even nature seems to have been thrown off-key. Scientists declare that every sound in nature is in the minor mode... the roar of the cataract, the whispering of the wind through the tree-tops, the pounding of the surf, even the warbling of birds.

When the plan of Redemption is consummated, when Satan is cast into the Lake of Fire, when sin is utterly destroyed — methinks that then the music of the universe will revert to the major. It is interesting to conjecture that perhaps the sounds of nature in the New Heaven and the New Earth will be in a glorious, majestic major.

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It is a tragedy that there are Christians who allow misguided piety to influence them into believing that Christian music should be mournful and somber and depressing. The exact opposite should be the case. Let false religions, which have no hope nor peace, have the sad, defeated minors. A Christian who has a definite knowledge of sins forgiven cannot repress a triumphant song of victory and courage.

Jesus came into a blighted world that had lost its song; on Calvary's Cross He struck up a song that will never die — a song that will continue to grow and grow, in majesty and power, until sin is eventually destroyed and glorious divine music again reverberates throughout the universe.

Even in the shadow of the Cross Christ and His apostles sang. (Mark 14:26)

In a loathsome Philippian jail, Paul and Silas harmonized a duet of praise. God was pleased with the singing; He joined the song with a thunderous bass that shook loose the prison doors. (Acts 16:25)

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As time passed, man began deifying his earthly rulers, and used music to extol the attributes of his kings, to whom he ascribed divinity. The next step was to employ music in idolatrous praise of his military heroes.

Eventually music was used to proclaim love. But for many centuries love songs were weak and unimportant; the employment of music in romance was one of its least important uses. Music's predominating use, for thousands of years, following the decadence of mankind's spirituality, was in hero worship. Ballads were sung about the exploits of brave warriors. Lengthy odes were composed extolling the virtues of bravery, courage, dauntlessness and sacrificial heroism.


Music acquired a prominent place, even in social life. Gatherings of any kind were incomplete without music. When Jacob returned after a long absence, Laban said, "Wherefore didst thou ... steal away from me, and didst not tell me, that I might have sent thee away with mirth, and with songs, and with tabret, and with harp?" (Genesis 31:27)

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Statesville, North Carolina

*Editor's note: The address which appears herewith was recently made by Rev. Dees before a local civic body. The speaker is Rector of the Trinity Episcopal Church and Priest-In-Charge of Holy Cross Mission . . . Statesville, North Carolina.*

TONIGHT I would like to speak on one of the most acute problems facing the nation today and especially the South. This is the problem of segregation.

I feel that I am able to speak of this problem out of a background of intimate and personal relations with negroes. I am a native of the South; I grew up among negroes; when I was a baby I was bathed by a negro mammy, fed by a negro mammy, and I suspect, at times spanked by one.

I have worked closely with negroes, and since I have been a priest of the Church, I have been ministering continually to negro congregations. I believe sincerely that I have a strong affection for members of the negro race, and I believe strongly that I am possessed of a real good will toward the negro race and am vitally concerned that it continue to go forward in the splendid progress it has made in the last hundred years.

At a recent meeting of the Synod of the Fourth Province of the Episcopal Church, which embraces the southeastern portion of the United States, the Bishop of North Carolina, the Rt. Rev. Edwin A. Penick, preached a sermon in which he stated most ably the background against which the problem of segregation must be settled.

In this sermon he said: "We are realistic enough to recognize the plain fact that this staggering racial problem is here with its countless baffling implications . . ." and he stated that the answer

must come out of a profound relationship with God.

He said: "This gigantic challenge forces us to our knees . . . Our only approach is prayer . . . Our prayer is that we may not be found fighting against God." Let me say "Amen" to this statement.

The only true answer that we can arrive at to this problem must be arrived at within the context of the Holy Spirit. Unless the answer is arrived at within the Holy Spirit, the answer is no true answer, and it will not be a lasting answer. Here, as in all our endeavors of life, the words of Jesus apply: "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it."

It seems to be generally the case when discussing this question, that when religion is brought into the question, it seems to be tentatively assumed that segregation must be done away with, and that it is the will of Jesus to do so. Because He said that we must love one another, racial distinction and racial barriers must be destroyed.

Religion is so intimately tied in with such profound and real teachings as brotherly love and concern for the underprivileged that many people seem to assume without question that desegregation should be the position of the Church, and that since it should be the position of the Church they should do all they can to support it, or if they can't support it, at least not oppose it.

I am positive that there are many Bishops and Priests, Ministers and Lay-

men of the Church who feel sincerely and profoundly that desegregation is the desired thing because it is the will of Christ.

But I say immediately that there are also many, many who feel that they also have insights into the mind of God and of Christ, who have come to the opposite conclusion that desegregation is not necessarily the will of Christ, but, indeed, that the will of Christ is more apt to be in accord with segregation than desegregation.

The basis for seeking a solution for this problem must be sought most profoundly in the will and mind of God as revealed in Jesus, and the mind of God, in its most profound revelations, is in accord with Divine Love, and it is in accord with the revealed Divine Love that the true answer is to be found. It is in this area that we must work.

## BASIC ARGUMENT

Having arrived at this point, let me say that I am deeply opposed to desegregation. I am a priest of the Church. I believe that I love the Lord and I believe that I have a profound affection and good will for the negro race, and concern for their progress.

At the same time, I am unequivocally opposed to desegregation. I believe that segregation undoubtedly serves the best interests of the negro race and the best interests of the white race, both in the short run and in the long run, but especially in the long run.

As I see it, and I believe that I see it truly, desegregation, first of all, is not aimed simply at doing away with negro schools and combining the negro children and the white children in school. As a matter of fact, desegregation is a misleading term, and what is implied is stated in much too negative a fashion. What the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of



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Colored People) and the radical leaders of this thing are aiming at should be stated much more positively.

They are aiming not simply at de-segregation but rather at unification and integration of the races. It is not just a question of them getting along among the white race, but rather a mixing of social structures, cultures, and blood.

You may remember the recent attempt made in the State by the movement to do away with the statute prohibiting intermarriage. Let us not deceive ourselves that blood integration would not come.

Already we see in many places young people of the white and negro races going together, dating, a condition that is abhorrent to me, and I believe abhorrent to God, Who, I believe, created the Caucasian race white and the Negro race black, and intended that each should maintain its racial integrity.

It has been stated by a professor at the University of North Carolina — I don't remember his name — that the question of segregation is primarily a sociological question, and that it should be answered in the area of anthropology, that it is a pity that the issues of religion became so intimately confused with it.

I am heartily in accord with this view up to a certain point. But every problem is basically a theological problem. I hasten to add, admitting that the problem should be worked out primarily in the area of sociology under the enlightenment of basic religious convictions.

The basic Christian social ethic is summed up in the Gospel of St. John: "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you..." It is the responsibility of the Church to state the religious precepts in the light of which the answer is to be arrived at. As an individual of

society, I have an inner compulsion and the privilege of stating my conclusions.

It seems to me to be a quite obvious fact that in the near future de-segregation, or rather let us call it unification; I believe logic compels it; will result in the destruction of the negro race, or at least of the negro race in this country. Its ethnic integrity will be devoured by the white, and as a race it will cease to exist.

The white race, in turn, would become a hybrid race, and a hybrid race — so sociologists have told me, and I am convinced that it is so — is an inferior race. I believe that cold, enlightened logic can lead us only to this conclusion: The result — a hybrid race in which the negro is exterminated and the white race appreciably degenerated.

In making this statement I do not mean to argue the superiority of either race; that argument is for anthropologists or whoever wants it. Again, let me repeat, blood fusion, I am convinced, is the near and real aim of the substantial backers of the de-segregation movement, and unless it is stopped, it will soon be here.

How can this be the will of God or of Christ? Or even the natural product of natural processes or natural law? Even if there were no intermarriage — though I am convinced that that is what is intended — it is contrary to and violates principles intrinsic to the created order and to apparent universal moral law.

Races, I believe, were created by God to witness to Him as races, as well as individuals were created to witness as individuals. Every race, I believe, should have something to contribute to the Eternal Plan.

The negro race has developed tremendously and is continuing to develop. I believe that it can continue to develop and in time should make a solid contribution to God's world. What is at stake here is the maintenance of the integrity of the negro race. The loudest voices are proclaiming indirectly that there is virtue in the destruction of the

negro race. This I fail to see, and, I declare, I believe that it is contrary to Divine Will.

Among the things that support me in the view that integration is contrary to the moral law revealed in nature is enlightened common sense as you look around you. Do black birds intermingle with the blue birds? Does the red-wing fly with the crows? Would it make sense for my Senior Warden to mix Black Angus cattle with his purebred Herefords? Common sense, knotty-headed common sense, cries out against it, "No!" It is abhorrent to the natural created order.

The people of the South generally, from what I hear, have cried out "No;" witness the recent resolution of the legislature concerning de-segregation, which passed unanimously, and witness the overwhelming opposition in other areas of the South.

This is not an argument that the voice of the people is the Voice of God, but I am inclined to listen to the voice of the people as being at least a contributing factor when I am looking for that Voice. I cannot conform my intellectual integrity to any other position than that the integration of the races is contrary to natural law, which natural law, even though corrupted, is the product of the Hand of God.

Some of us who hold to this position are faced with the charges that this is un-Christian, and anti-Christian. I believe that these charges are not true. I believe, to the contrary, that this position is more in harmony with the ultimate Christian position in this particular situation, than is the position of those who are pushing the contrary position, and certainly more in accord with natural law, which states should tend to be synonymous.

It is argued, and rightly so, that segregation discriminates against the negro race in many areas. Where this is so, the answer is not unification, but rather a bettering of the discriminating situation. As one Southern governor has stated: "When schools are unequal, the remedy is not to destroy the schools or the law. The remedy is to require that the schools be made equal." And with this I heartily concur.

As the retired bishop of South Carolina, the Rt. Rev. Albert S. Thomas, has said: "Where segregation is un-Christian, this is due to man's fallen nature,



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not to segregation itself." The supreme command is "Love thy neighbor."

I recognize my neighbor in the negro. Carrying out this command implies helping him to attain to the fullest stature possible as a child of God, both as an individual and as a race. I am compelled to conclude that he can come to his fullest development when his racial integrity is preserved. The destruction of his racial integrity seems to me to be contrary to the natural primal creation of God and to natural law, and to enlightened common sense.

### THE NAACP

Let me say a few words about the NAACP, the National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People. I believe that the NAACP is the greatest enemy that the negro people have. The NAACP is driving the negro race to destruction. If it achieves its aims, the negro race will end in its absorption by the white race. We will have a mongrel race for which they may have the credit.

The logical consequences are apparent. It is creating dissension and race hatred among the negroes and has created undue disturbance in the South that has resulted in animosity toward the negro in the South, that will take many years at best to overcome.

It was admitted that the negro's lot was bad, but he was improving himself rapidly and was developing himself at a rapid pace. The negro in the South since the Civil War has made phenomenal progress.

The NAACP and others have stirred him up, created tensions, sowed discord between him and the white race, which can do a great deal to affect the good will that existed between the races in the past.

According to a report of the Grass Roots League, Inc., of Charleston, South Carolina, it is a matter of record that the NAACP has been infiltrated by Communist sympathizers. It was formed in 1910 by "four white left-wingers, Mary Ovington White, William E. Walling (who had received revolutionary training in Russia), Dr. Henry Moskowitz, and pinko-socialist Oswald Garrison Villard, and a negro radical Dr. W. E. B. DuBois."

In 1925 the Communist Party USA reported it had "penetrated the NAACP." According to documented

evidence by this group, the stimulation of racial unrest has been one of the principal objectives of the Communist party in this country.

A parallel organization of the NAACP, the National Urban League, with branches in sixty cities, is demanding residential non-segregation. The Southern Regional Council of Atlanta also is spreading racial integration propaganda among the church and other groups. I have received some of their stuff myself.

According to the report mentioned above, this group recently received a grant of \$240,000 from the "Fund of the Republic" (Ford Foundation) for "educational purposes" in twelve Southern states. In 1951 the Southern Regional Council received \$2,500.00 from the Sidney Hillman Foundation (C.I.P.) for "improvement of race relations and social justice in the South."

It also states that according to newspaper articles based on reports and records of the House Un-American Activities Committee and the U. S. Attorney General, at least thirty-eight of the members of the Southern Regional Council's officials and members of its board of directors have association with groups and activities which have been branded Communist-fronts by responsible federal officials or congressional committees.

And it questions also whether the official monthly publication of the Southern Regional Council, which is called *New South*, is the successor or continuation of the Communist Party organ called by the same name, begun in 1938 with two negro communists among its editors.

It states further that the House Un-American Activities committee lists as subversive some eighty-seven Communist and Socialist organizations which have been active in the pro-negro campaign.

UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) also has come in for some heated criticism of its pro-negro program because of its sponsoring of books by Communist-front writers aggravating

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and stirring up discontent by malicious propaganda.

The conclusion that I reach after much study of the question is that the present tension and confusion in the South concerning the future of the negro, is very largely if not primarily Communist-inspired for personal gain, or communist party gain, and that in many instances sincere Christian people have unknowingly been working to further the ends of this Communist-inspired group. I was almost taken in myself.

And then there are many saintly and godly supporters of the de-segregation movement who are working with pure motives and love in their hearts; but I disagree with them. Intermingling of the races should not be tolerated to the degree contemplated by the backers of the movement.

### THE SUPREME COURT

With regard to the Supreme Court's decision: I feel that the Supreme Court is due severe criticism. I am in complete accord with Senator Ervin's blast at the Supreme Court in his statement that the court "has usurped the power of Congress and the states;" the Supreme Court has delegated to itself the authority to make the law as well as to interpret the law.

This is a scandalous state of affairs and what amounts, in fact, to a high-handed assumption of unconstitutional legislative power. This is revolution carried out under the guise of constitutional authority.

What sort of Supreme Court do we have that, according to Senator Ervin: "repudiates, solely upon the basis of psychology and sociology, the interpretation placed upon the 14th Amendment in respect to racial segregation by federal and state courts, the Congress itself, and the executive branches of the federal and state governments throughout the preceding eighty-six years."

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According to the pamphlet mentioned already, the ruling of the Supreme Court against racial segregation was "based mainly on bias, misinformation, and a distortion of scientific truth. It is believed that the Supreme Court justices were not qualified to rule on such a highly technical question; and only one justice at the time of his appointment had had adequate judicial experience."

The Court reportedly in Footnote No. 11 of its segregation ruling, based its decision on eight "authorities." The report of the Grass Roots League has this to say about the authorities which determined the Supreme Court's decision:

"Of these eight 'experts' five apparently are leftists or 'liberals' (two with communist-front affiliations) ... Footnote No. 11 says: '... See generally Myrdal, *An American Dilemma* (1944).'

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"Of the twelve authors, editors, and staff members of *An American Dilemma*, six rate as leftwingers and one of these (Doxey A. Wilkerson) is a self-confessed communist. About one-third of the persons listed as having collaborated in the preparation of *An American Dilemma* have leftist, Communist-front or Communist records ... This is the sort of socialistic drivell on which

the Supreme Court based its segregation ruling."

What is the Supreme Court coming to? Is the American social structure and legal precedent to be molded by such trash? What will the Supreme Court decide ought to be the law next? This is a question well to ponder.

Senator Ervin put it aptly when he said that "Equal Justice Under Law" should be removed from the portals of the Supreme Court Building and replaced with the superscription, "Not Justice under law, but Justice according to the personal notions of the temporary occupants of this building."

Is it not revolting that the people of the United States should be bound by the decisions of such incompetent men?

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When they flagrantly violate established legal precedent and seek to violently uproot established mores, it is time that something be done, but I don't know what.

We hear the concession being made on all sides, "De-segregation, or integration, is coming but it ought not to be rushed." This statement seems to be almost a universal one. This is a defeatist attitude to assume and one that should be repugnant to those opposed to integration.

*Integration should never come. It should be fought unrelentingly by those opposed to it but not with bitterness. The negroes especially should oppose it. They are being rushed into racial suicide.*

Let it not be said by any that I am the enemy of the negro race because of the stand I take. I believe that I am more the friend of the negro race than those who seek to destroy it.

I have brought into my remarks here tonight references to the NAACP and the Southern Regional Council and Communism and the Supreme Court to get a perspective of the sort of atmosphere that the whole race question is dragged into, and it is odious.

I hope that you have noted that my decisions about segregation are not the result of a polemic established against the Court nor the Communist-front organizations, but are the product of basic convictions concerning the inviolability of racial integrity under God.

I cannot conceive of it not being for the best interests of both races for segregation to continue. I believe that what we need is not de-segregation but more Christian social action in segregation, and this we must have.

There are certain areas where I think that segregation is not practicable nor sensible. I am glad to note that at the professional level, the races are coming together for what I believe is for good.

I observe that the State Medical Society has voted to admit negro doctors. It has long been a practice for ministerial associations to be inter-racial. I think that it behooves the seminaries of our Church to receive negro students, since it would not be practicable to try to provide a separate seminary for the mere handful of negro seminary students that we have.

Let me close where I began. In working out our problems of race relationships, we must implore the Divine Hand to guide us and to strengthen us, and hope and pray that our work is acceptable to Him, and work in the spirit of Divine Love and divinely-inspired self-sacrifice.

We of the white race are blessed with many blessings and great privileges but with these privileges come responsibilities. As disciples of Christ, we are commanded to love our neighbor, and this means the negro, and to work for his betterment physically, mentally, spiritually, and in every way.

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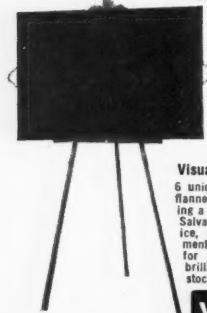
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Moody never conformed to style or custom. A short, stocky, bearded man with Bible in hand, he stood before throngs of people and just talked to them in their own language. A characteristic gesture was the upraised left arm. The Defender retrieves one of his sermons this month.

**WHAT IS THE SIN** against the Holy Ghost? Nearly every day we have somebody coming into the inquiry room very much discouraged and disheartened and cast down, because they think they have committed a sin against the Holy Ghost, and that there is no hope for them; that they have blasphemed against the Holy Ghost.

Now let us just turn to the Scripture, and see what that sin is — and I ask you to turn to Matthew twelve, beginning at the twenty-fourth verse. (Here Mr. Moody read long extracts from the chapter referred to, and added a few verses from the third chapter of St. Mark, beginning at the twenty-third verse.)

"And he called them unto him, and said unto them in parables, How can Satan cast out Satan?" Now the next verse throws a flood of light upon all this subject.

People are running off after books and they are running after this and that minister to ask them if they have not committed the unpardonable sin. Just let them read this verse: "Because" — now Christ gives a reason — "Because they said, He hath an unclean spirit."

I don't know but there are men living who have committed the unpardonable sin, but I have never met one. I never heard of a man who thought the Lord Jesus Christ cast out devils by the power of the devil.

I never met a man who thought the Holy Ghost was a devil, and it is a question in my mind if there is any man in this city who has committed an unpardonable sin against the Holy Ghost.

If you say you have resisted the Holy Ghost, well, we have all of us done that, I believe. Ah, how we resisted until we hadn't any more strength and could not resist any longer, and then just simply accepted Christ. A man may die in his sins resisting the Holy Ghost.

I don't remember of ever hearing any man swear in my life by the Holy Ghost, except once, and then I looked upon him expecting him to fall dead, and my blood ran cold when I heard him. I have heard a great many profane men, and have traveled considerably, but I have met only this one man who swore by the Holy Ghost.

Now if any here have said that Christ was possessed of the devil, and that He cast out devils by the power of the devil, and have blasphemed the power of the Holy Ghost in that way, then it may be you have committed that sin; but I never met anyone. I can hear some of you saying, "I have blasphemous thoughts; they come flitting into my mind."

Well, many of the best Christian people in the world have them. I have met men very eminent in the service of God who have these thoughts come upon

them, but they don't harbor or entertain them; they drive them off.

That is Satan. No doubt but that we all have these thoughts in our mind. If we don't entertain them, but drive them off, we don't sin. The sin is in harboring or entertaining them.

### SEALED BY THE HOLY GHOST

Let me call your attention to another thought — that we are sealed by the Holy Ghost.

We are washed and cleansed by the blood, and when a soul is washed and cleansed by the precious blood of Christ, then it becomes a temple for the Holy Ghost to dwell in. The Holy Ghost dwells with only those that have been cleansed by the blood.

In the thirtieth verse of the fourth chapter of Ephesians it says I was sealed by the Holy Ghost "unto the day of redemption."

That is the work of the Holy Ghost. After we have been cleansed and purified, then the Holy Ghost can seal us for the day of redemption; and who is going to break God's seal?

Can Satan do it? Can all the infernal powers break that seal? Can man do it? Can all the world itself do it? Can God break His own seal?

If we are sealed for the day of redemption, that seal will not be broken. And I want to call your attention to another very precious truth, and that is that the Holy Ghost dwells with everyone that is sealed for the day of redemption.

I have received a great many letters against that hymn, "Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove," and I hear a great many people complain about our singing that hymn, and praying for the Holy Ghost to come.

They say He came on the day of Pentecost and has been here ever since. But when we pray for Him to come, it is that He may anoint us afresh, that He may endow us with fresh power.

There is such a thing as a man just having life, but not having the power, and so when we pray that the Holy Ghost may come upon us with power that we may be anointed, that is a different thing. Then in First Corinthians 3:16 it says:

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of God, and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you?"

The Holy Ghost dwells in you. He dwells with us. He doesn't just come to visit us and then leave us. I don't believe there is a Christian here but what would fall into some grievous sin inside of forty-eight hours, if it were not for the Holy Ghost dwelling in us. It is He that gives us power over the world and over Satan.

We believe firmly that any man that has been cleansed by the blood, redeemed by the blood, and then sealed by the Holy Ghost, the Holy Ghost dwells in him.

And a thought to which I want to call your attention is this, that God has a good many children who just barely have life, but no power for service. You might say safely, I believe, without exaggeration, that nineteen out of every twenty professed Christians are of no earthly account so far as building up Christ's kingdom; but on the contrary they are standing right in the way, and the reason is they have received life and have settled down, and have not sought for power.

The Holy Ghost coming upon them with power is distinct and separate from conversion. If the Scripture doesn't teach it, I am ready to correct it. Let us look and see what God says, and if you will look in the third chapter of Luke you will see that all the thirty years that Christ had been in Nazareth, He had been a Son, but now the Holy Ghost comes upon Him for service, and He goes back to Nazareth and finds a place where it is written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised."

And for three years we find Him preaching the Kingdom of God, casting out devils, and raising the dead, while for thirty years He was at Nazareth, we hear nothing of Him. He was a Son all the while but now He is anointed for service. And if the Son of God had to be anointed, do not His disciples need it, and shall we not seek for it, and shall we barely rest with conversion?

In the seventh chapter of John, thirty-eighth and thirty-ninth verses, Jesus

says, "He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)"

Do you tell me that Peter and James and John and the rest of those men had not been converted at that time? Had they been three years with the Son of God and had not been born of the Spirit?

Had not Nicodemus been born of the Spirit, and had not men been converted before them? Yes, but they were saints without power and must tarry in Jerusalem until endued with power from on high.

### FRESH BAPTISM

Then turn to the twentieth chapter of John, twenty-second verse, "And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost."

Now that is the second time. They must have received the Holy Ghost when they were converted; they must have been sealed by the Holy Ghost for the day of redemption; and now Christ breathes on them and said, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost."

Do you think they did not receive Him? Of course they did; and yet they were instructed to go to Jerusalem and tarry there until they got power.

It seems to me we have three classes of Christians:

In the first class, in the third chapter of John, were those who had gone to Calvary and there received life. They believed on the Son and were saved, and there they rested, satisfied. They did not seek anything higher.

Then in the fourth chapter of John we come to a better class of Christians. There it was a well of living water bubbling up. There are a few of these, but they are not a hundredth part of the first class.

But the best class is in the seventh chapter of John, "Out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." That is the kind of Christian we ought to be.

When I was a boy I used to have to pump water for the cattle. Ah! how many times I have pumped with that old right hand until it ached! And many times I used to pump when I could not get any water, and I was taught that when the pump was dry I must pour a pail of water down the pump and then I could get the water up.

And that is what Christians want — a well of living water. We will have plenty of grace to spare; all we need ourselves and plenty for others.

We have a way now of digging artesian wells. They don't pump now to get the water, but when they dig the well, they cut down through the gravel and through the clay perhaps one thousand or two thousand feet, not stopping when they can pump the water up, but they cut to a lower strata, and the water flows up abundantly of itself.

And so we ought, every one of us, to be like artesian wells. God has grace enough for every one of us, and if we were only full of the Holy Ghost what power we would have!

A learned doctor said once, speaking of Christ's holiness, "You fill a tumbler of water to the brim, and then just touch it and the water flows out." And so Christ was so full of truth that when the woman touched Him virtue flowed out and healed her.

Everyone of us should be as full of the Holy Ghost as this, and then men will see that we have an unseen power. We must not be satisfied with just having life, but we want this power. How many times we have preached and taught and it has been like the wind. Why? Because our hearts were not full, and we did not have that anointing.

Peter's heart was full and he had the anointing of the Holy Spirit when he accused the Jews of having crucified the Lord. This same man Peter, who only a few days before denied the Lord, stood up and preached with unction. It was not the same Peter.

Suppose that little girl who had heard him deny his Master and swear that he did not know Christ, had heard him preaching His name afterward? I can imagine that she would wonder. She would look at him and say, "Isn't that the man that said he did not know Him, and swore to me, and said he did not know Christ?"

She might have said, "Well, he looks

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like the same man, but it cannot be." Instead of being afraid of one little crowd of people, he charged it home to the whole nation, saying, "You have crucified our Lord."

When a man is full of the Holy Ghost he has boldness. He is not afraid to declare the Gospel truth in all its simplicity, and drive it right home, even if he drives a man out of doors. We need boldness.

### THE GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST

In the thirty-third verse of that same chapter it says, "Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and receiving of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost." Now, I believe the gift of the Holy Ghost that is spoken of there is a gift for certain, but one that we have mislaid, overlooked, and forgotten to seek for.

If a man is only converted and we get him into the church, we think the work is done, and we let him go right off to sleep. Instead of urging him to seek the gift of the Holy Ghost, that he may be anointed for work, we let him sleep and slumber.

This world would soon be converted if all such were baptized with the Holy Ghost. We find Philip, a deacon, going down to Samaria to preach. We find that Stephen, the first martyr, was a layman. The Spirit of the Word of God came down upon him, and he could not help preaching.

When a man is full of the Holy Ghost, he cannot help working for the Lord. We would indeed have a stir in the church if we were baptized with the Holy Ghost. The cry would be, "Here am I, Lord; use me, send me." We would all be anxious to be used in God's service.

Some people say if you were once sealed by the Holy Ghost you need never to seek for Him again, that He is with you from that time, and if you were once full of the Holy Ghost you remain so.

I heard of a man in the last half hour who said that it is the teaching of Scripture and our experiences. Do you not all know of some men who were full of the Holy Ghost a year ago, and were anointed, and there was a mighty power upon them, and that have already lost their strength as Samson lost his?

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But Samson regained his strength, and those who have so lost it may regain theirs a second time, and many times. Let us not be trying to live on the old story. We cannot work now on grace we had years ago. What we want is further baptism.

The fourth chapter of Acts, thirty-first verse, says, "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness."

There were Peter and James and John and the rest of them there, these very men that were filled with the Holy Ghost at Pentecost. There the Holy Ghost came a second time to them. They must have been converted by the power of the Holy Ghost away back where it was said, "The Holy Ghost breathed on them." They must have been brought under His influence a second time then. And a third time in the second chapter of Acts. And in the fourth chapter of Acts a fourth time.

Someone asked a minister if he had ever received a second blessing since he was converted. "What do you mean?" was the reply. "I have received ten thousand since the first."

A great many think because they have been filled once, they are going to be filled for all time after; but O, my friends, we are leaky vessels, and have to be kept right under the fountain all the time in order to keep full.

If we are going to be used by God, we have to be very humble. A man that lives close to God will be the humblest of men. I heard a man say that God always chooses the vessel that is close at hand. Let us keep near him. But we will have to keep down in the dust; God won't choose a man that is conceited. The moment we lift up our heads and think that we are something, he lays us aside.

If we want this power, we have to give God all the glory. I believe the reason we do not get this power more than we do is that we do not know how to use it.

We would be taking all the credit to ourselves and saying, "Don't I do a great work?" And begin to boast about it. There are hundreds of thousands I believe that God would use and give us a great baptism if we would only give



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In the nineteenth chapter of Acts, they went down there at Ephesus, and they found twelve men, and said to them, "Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?" The early Christians looked for that; but what would our converts do now if that question were put to them? They would rub their eyes and say they never heard of such a thing, and, what do you mean by receiving the Holy Ghost for service?

That is the reason men dare not speak to their neighbors about Christ, and the reason so many go away from gospel meetings that are anxious about their souls, and yet the man, the Christian who sits next them, has not the moral courage to speak to them about Christ and salvation.

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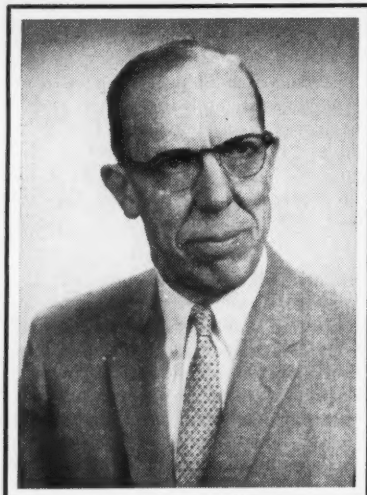
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You may not believe in Him, or even believe in yourself, but He believes in you, and knows what His redeeming grace can do for you, in you and through you, if you will only come to Him and let Him do all He is yearning to reveal to you, and accomplish for and with you.

### THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CALL

The call of God comes to you now, originated with Himself. Therefore it is highly significant. When you consider who is calling you, and that it is because He wishes to convey to you a revelation of His glorious will, and to secure your consent to His divine purpose for your life, you will appreciate the importance of the call.

The very thought that the Almighty thinks constantly of you should be enough to cause you, the object of His love, to stop in your tracks, and give serious attention to His call. Someone Who is holy, wise and good, pure and perfect in all His ways, not only is lovingly thinking of you, but is also calling to you.

Do I hear you say, "That is all very

fine. It is kind of God to think of me, but what does He want of me? I am weak and sinful and unfit to respond to the call of a holy God, whose all-seeing eye can see everything in my evil heart.

"He knows my thoughts! No, no, I cannot be encouraged by thinking He is calling me. Why is the righteous One calling me? Is He calling me to judgment? I am unprepared to meet Him. I do not want to face my record.

"I was once pure as the morning dew, but I have been defiled by evil thoughts, yielded to unwholesome environments — formed bad habits — a victim of my own deliberate choices."

But listen friend, all that will make no difference, will not prevent God from accepting you, if in Jesus' name you will only come to Him in response to His call.

### NOT AN AFTERTHOUGHT

God's divine call to man is not the result of an afterthought on His part. It does not come because of an extension of a plan brought into operation due to an emergency. The call of God comes directly from His big loving heart and mind, out of eternity.

By that statement is meant that before any emergency existed because of man's failure, God anticipated for His creatures a great and good undertaking

in their behalf; therefore, we can correctly say that it is not the result of a hasty, makeshift arrangement.

Inasmuch as it emanates from God it must be good. Since it is the Infinite One calling you, it must be an important summons. Because God is love, it must be for your good. It must be something far superior to anything you could possibly achieve for yourself, or even conceive with a finite mind.

Some, to whom the call has come, have doubted the truth of this. Their doubt results in ignoring the call of God. It is believed by the rejectors and despisers of God's call that His purpose for their individual lives is not as good as that which they can achieve by pursuing their own way.

Such an attitude toward a loving, holy God is an awful attitude to assume. It appears to be an indictment against the Heavenly Father.

Therefore, if you are not of such an evil opinion, why do you not respond promptly to His invitation to share with Jesus Christ, the heir of God, all the riches of His grace? Are you wicked? Admitting the fact is a long step in the right direction.

Here is the call from God to all who are aware of their unrighteousness: "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." (Isaiah 55:6-7)

Is not this a glorious call and promise? If you will respond to such a call then the promise in a following verse (Isaiah 55:12) will be fulfilled in your life. "For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace."

Are you thirsty? Do you crave satisfaction of this thirst? Is your soul dry? Do you long for something refreshing? Are you bankrupt and unable to pay? Here is the call of God to you:

"Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price." (Isaiah 55:1) This same invitation is given to you by a willing Saviour who came all the way from heaven to earth to extend

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If you are tired enough of your own way to give up your way and come to Him, He will give you rest, lifting every burden, satisfy every longing of your heart. "Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's." (Psalm 103:5)

Great things are in store for you! "God is no respecter of persons." It matters not what your past has been nor what your present condition may be. He will forgive your many sins and lift you above your circumstances, filling your heart with gladness if you will only respond to His call.

I was going to say, the sky is the limit — but there is no limit to what God will do for you, if you only let Him.

The Lord Jesus likened the joyful experience awaiting you to participation of a wedding feast. (Matthew 22) Can you think of any natural experience on earth where there is less gloom and less sorrow and worry than at a wedding feast? On such joyful occasions there is no room for distress.

And the Lord wants you to enter into an experience with Him that will relieve you of your sins and worry and enable you to look up in faith, as you become aware of His glorious presence which dispels gloom and sadness.

Listen to me, you cannot afford to turn down the invitation to His banqueting house — it is the call of God!

Never mind your unfitness. He will take care of that. You will be clothed with a wedding garment by the One who said to His servants: "Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage."

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*"Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led him away. And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha: Where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst." John 19:16-18.*

**AS WARDEN** or Custodian of the Garden of the Tomb, I, together with my family, live very close to the place mentioned in our Scripture text, Golgotha, the "place of a skull."

Literally, our home is located a mere stone's throw from the site of the crucifixion. Each evening, after a period of devotion, we retire ... and as I lie in bed I can gaze out the window and see the lonely trees on Golgotha, silhouetted against the cheese colored oriental moon.

As I lie there, thinking of the sacrifice made by the Son of God atop that hill, my thoughts quickly revert to the lovely Garden in which our home is situated, for it is here that this same Man rose again on that happy Easter morning almost two thousand years ago.

There atop Golgotha, the Just died for the unjust. He paid the penalty so that you and I might be set free from the power of Satan, the torment of sin and from all self righteousness.

It was there He personally stamped our visas, with His own precious blood, so that we might some day leave this sin-sick world to become citizens of the

land beyond. I personally took advantage of this opportunity and accepted Him as my Saviour on June 16, 1916.

Although brought up in another faith, I was not satisfied with what was being taught me concerning the things of God. My very soul hungered for the truth and I searched the Scriptures diligently.

One day, while praying for enlightenment, the voice of God directed my

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thoughts and mind to the proper portions of His Holy Word, and I was made to see clearly for the first time that Jesus paid my debt on Calvary.

It was through the shedding of His blood, through His sacrifice on the cross, that my eternal salvation was made possible.

Since that day He has been a wonderful Friend and Companion. As I take care of my duties here in the Gar-

den of the Tomb I feel His presence ever near. He is always there, in joy and in sorrow.

Calvary is situated on a high hill on the north side of Jerusalem. Anyone passing that way cannot help but observe it. It stands out in bold relief, commanding the attention of all passers-by.

In a spiritual sense, this hill of Golgotha is the pivot upon which all our lives hinge. Those who pass it by unconcerned, not cognizant of the sacrifice made there many centuries ago, slip on into eternal damnation.

But those who look to it, whose hearts are quickened at the great Event which took place there ... they become a part of the great body of believers, and will reign with Him forever.

Calvary's Hill at this time of the year is verdant, reminding us of the beautiful hymn written by Mrs. Cecil Alexander in 1850:

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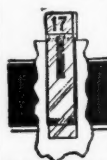
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According to the United States Navy, the deepest place is in the Philippine Sea! It is six and a half miles "down under." At this point, there are seven tons of pressure per square inch! The Empire State Building, highest in the world, is 1,248 feet high! Twenty-seven Empire State Buildings could be stacked on top of each other in this ocean depth, and there would still be 624 feet of water to spare!

Mount Everest, which has recently been conquered by man, is the world's highest mountain. Its highest point is 29,141 feet. If Mount Everest was put in this deepest ocean spot, there would be 5,179 feet of water above its peak!

Micah, the prophet, said, "Thou (God) wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea." That's what God does for the repentant sinner. If you confess and forsake your sins, they will be cast into the depths of the sea of God's pardon. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

There are seven tons of pressure per square inch in the ocean's deepest point. In God's ocean of pardon, there is the

pressure of His divine love — all the love shown by Christ in Gethsemane, at Calvary, and at the resurrection. Once our sins are cast in the sea of His pardon, the pressure of His love keeps them in the depths of the past!

Ask God for His mercy and pardon,

forgive me for the wrong I have done?" Her friend replied, "Yes, I will forgive you, but I can never forget." How unlike the forgiveness of God! God forgives and forgets.

David, the Psalmist, said, "The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever. He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him."

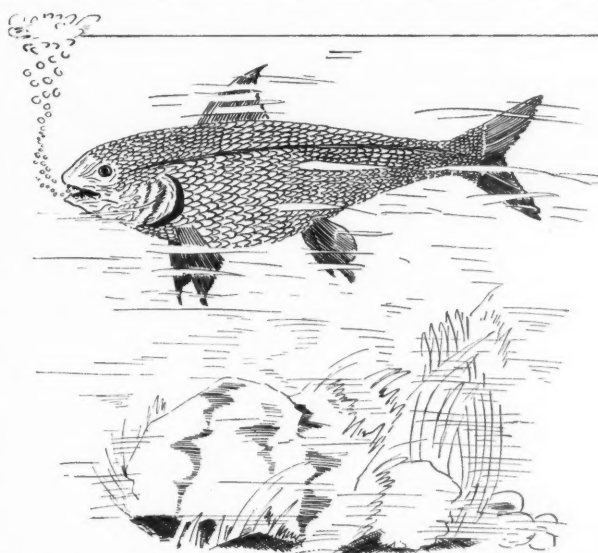
David again declares, "As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he (God) removed our transgressions from us."

In 1909 Peary discovered the North Pole. In 1911 Amundsen discovered the South Pole. But there is no east or west pole! North to south can be measured; east to west cannot. Therefore, there is no measure to God's pardon, for "as far as the east is from the west, so far

hath he (God) removed our transgressions from us."

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# IS TIME RUNNING OUT?

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**A** QUARTER OF A CENTURY has almost passed since a Russian by the name of Manuilsky made a significant and prophetic statement. Dimetry Manuilsky has been a leader in the plot to take over world control in the name of Atheism and Communism.

He has been prominent in the organization and promotion of the United Nations and presided over the United Nations Security Council in 1949. Here is what he said in addressing the Lenin School of Political Warfare, meeting in Moscow in 1931:

"War to the hilt between Communism and Capitalism is inevitable. Today, of course, we are not strong enough to attack. Our time will come in 20 or 30 years. To win we shall need the element of surprise.

"The bourgeoisie will have to be put to sleep. So we shall begin by launching the most spectacular peace movement on record. There will be electrifying overtures and unheard of concessions.

"The Capitalistic countries, stupid and decadent, will rejoice to cooperate in their own destruction. They will leap at another chance to be friends. As soon as their guard is down, we shall smash them with our clenched fists."

That statement was a true analysis of the aim and purpose of Russian Communism when Manuilsky voiced it before this important Soviet gathering and, through those present, to all Russia. It is still true today.

No Russian leader has arisen to deny it. It is in the books for all who read to see. That the ordinary American has decided that Russian Communism has changed her policy is an amazing commentary upon our dumbness and suicidal lack of understanding.

And yet there is a growing and deadly willingness to believe that the Russian program has been modified. That is undoubtedly true in England and France. India has accepted it wholeheartedly.

The realization that should blight the hope of all free men everywhere, who love freedom and hope for world peace, is the growing willingness, even in high places, to believe that the present-day backslapping and seeming friendliness of Russian leaders to America is proof

of a change of design on the part of the Lenin and Marx followers. No more dangerous mistake could be made.

## A MIMIC

Note that the belligerent threat of Manuilsky is almost word for word the statements of Karl Marx and Lenin. It was couched in other terms, but just as deadly, by Joe Stalin. It is undoubtedly the ultimate goal of the Communist conspiracy.

To ignore it is to court suicide. It is treason to pass up the fact that the final goal of atheistic Communism is the extermination of the free people of the earth.

Note also that the 20 or 30 years designated by Manuilsky have all but expired. A like estimate of time required in consummating their dastardly plan was made by both Lenin and Stalin. This means that the hour of doom may be closer than we think.

If, prefaced by cocktails and flattery, put to sleep by peace talks and disarmament proposals, the wily Russians should strike New York and Washington and Chicago and Los Angeles within a single hour, which she is abundantly capable of doing, what would follow the ensuing devastation?

Could we recoup sufficiently to make a telling retaliation? Are we prepared for such an eventuality? Would we strike back with force sufficient to achieve final victory?

In answering these questions, we should not forget that there are multitudes both in America and Europe who prefer slavery to such a price as would preserve our freedom, if indeed the War Lords of Russia and Red China decide on the course that seems to have been already laid out by the three greatest Communist leaders of all times. Who is to say with justification that they have not already so decided?

The American people want peace. They want it so dreadfully bad that there are many who believe that the next President will be elected on that issue alone. They are willing to pay almost any price for peace.

They face the fact that in case the threat of Manuilsky, which is after all the threat of Marx and Lenin and Stalin and which is also the declared policy

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and proposed program of Communism, should become a bloody reality, it would mean the death of millions of our people and the destruction of our greatest cities. Undoubtedly, back in their thinking is this question: Is human freedom actually worth it?

### THE COLD WAR

Undoubtedly, Manuilsky and those who think as he thought twenty-seven years ago, believe that the cold war processes, which now embrace all kinds of peace proposals, are conditioning the American public, and especially our leadership, for capitulation, rather than a fight. In fact, there are serious signs that point in that direction.

A large part of the world is definitely committed to a policy of no defense. India has so declared herself. This actually makes her an ally of the vicious aggressors that threaten the peace and liberty of mankind.

This easily gives the Russian plotters the preponderance of world opinion. That they would rather win without the risk of striking the fatal blow, threatened by Manuilsky, is sure. That they will strike, if they must to win, is just as sure.

Which forces this Republic to face the cold, realistic fact: Our country is

not psychologically prepared for the inevitable! We are trying to escape the truth we know we face. We are denying in our minds and with our voices that which is as evident as history itself.

We are saying "peace, peace, when there is no peace," and when there can be no peace. We know what we face but seek to assure ourselves that what we know is true is still in doubt.

Moreover, we, possibly by a real majority, are not willing to pay the bloody, horrible price for human liberty and

the freedom of mankind that down in our hearts we know will be exacted of us.

We have argued ourselves into an attitude that it is better to be living slaves than dead free men. As a result men in our American pulpits, school rooms, over the radio, by way of television, through the press and otherwise, are conditioning themselves first and then the public, to make peace the one great aim of this generation. Whatever it costs, we must have peace!

Human freedom cost our fathers a price their sons are not willing to pay to retain. Many there are among us who are so "stupid and decadent" as that they will rejoice "to cooperate in their own destruction."

The signs of our day prove that this company is growing. Others will die if they must but they will not be destroyed. Out of their dust and ashes may yet spring a fresh, new generation of free men who will not be lulled to sleep by "electrifying overtures and unheard of concessions," mouthed by false world leaders who have already decreed the doom of mankind, if men dare to perpetuate human freedom.

*Peace at any price was not for our fathers. God grant that such a peace may not soil the souls of their sons!*

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**IT IS NECESSARY**, from time to time, for Christian thinkers to restate the position of the Church on the great fundamentals of the faith and of life. After the polemics, which have been hurled by a cold and calculating enemy, have worn themselves down to a level where they can properly be defined, it is refreshing to see how great God's truth really is.

We need not forget that the fight between truth and falsehood is still on, and on in a large way. Those who recall the days when the giants of the faith, men like Munhall, Torrey, Riley, Haldeman and Bryan spoke like thunderbolts from God's heaven, feel some times that there is no longer the voice of the prophet in the land; but this is not true. God still has His voices speaking, and they will become louder in the coming days.

There are many factors, which, in their total meaning, are now lending quality and volume to what seemed to be but a feeble whisper only a short time ago. We say this, not to excuse these voices of recent years, but to point out that the Church now appears ready to speak boldly. This is the day when the Church must rise to its own height, and we believe there is evidence of this beginning to happen.

We are living in an atomic age and the world must become geared to its dimensions. The Church cannot afford to refuse to stand up to the whole ques-

tion. We are now in a position to speak, and to give the answers that measure up to our time. A scientific world has led itself into its own trap by the very things it claimed would redeem it.

The science, which was to prove that man could save himself, that claimed that he had advanced beyond the Bible and its God, and that he could afford to relegate to the wind all its revelations, now has created a device which is almost certain to be its destruction. The only way out of the dilemma it has created for itself is for God, by miraculous and gracious means, to interrupt its course and to take over.

The atomic and hydrogen bombs are in the hands of wicked men, who have world-wide, organized atheistic forces, never equalled in the history of the world, at their command. Even if organized government could agree not to use these bombs, it would still be possible for the brigands of crime, from isolated places on the earth, to send forth destruction enough to destroy civilization. What will really happen we do not know, but that is the question we are much concerned about.

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The force with which atheistic materialism is going forward to attack Christianity is being martialed on all fronts. The proposition is pertinently stated by Henry N. Wieman, in the book, "Religious Liberals Reply." Dr. Wieman is Professor of Philosophy of Religion at the Divinity School of the University of Chicago.

Speaking on fundamentalism, he says: "But the time has now almost come when all these must relinquish that level of importance and control over religious life which they have held in the past. They must not in the sense that they will automatically and inevitably give way, but in the sense that we cannot carry through the great construction effort of our time if we do not have a better religion than they provide."

These are strong words from an instructor in a so-called Christian institution, for he is instructor in the Divinity School of this institution. But listen to him further: "I shall not speak of what is wrong with fundamentalism, calling rather, for the correction of *Neo-Orthodoxy*. Fundamentalism is not a live issue with my readers."

We will recall that the historian Pliny considered Jesus as unimportant and passed Him by with disdain. But Pliny did not decide the importance of Jesus and Professor Wieman will not determine the importance of Fundamentalism.

The point we want to make is in a different direction. Mr. Wieman says, in the first place, that fundamentalism is not a "live issue" with his readers. How could it be a live issue with them. They probably know very little about it.

And again, the point he really makes is that fundamentalism *must* give way. In this *must* there is somewhat more than meets the eye. This *must* is backed

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The religion of fundamentalism is based upon the experience of regeneration, and of this his readers know nothing. They live in a different world. The religion of fundamentalism is from God, and the religion of the liberal is of man. They have nothing in common.

On the other hand *Neo-Orthodoxy* is a live issue with liberals, because of their likeness. All in all he makes it clear that the religion of liberalism has challenged fundamentals on every front and will employ every means to annihilate it. What are we going to do about it?

Over against these forces is Almighty God, with His Church here on the earth speaking for Him, as He speaks to her through His Word and Spirit. We can supply the answer if we want to. We have the answer and it is strong; and it is imperative. Shall we fail in this?

In this article I want to call the attention of Liberalism to five great subjects which must penetrate all analysis. They are:

1. The God of Creation.
2. The God of Revelation.
3. The God of the Atonement.
4. The God of Regeneration.
5. The God of Judgment.

## 1. THE GOD OF CREATION

It makes a difference to God, if not to man, that we believe that He is the Creator of heaven and earth, and all things that therein are. This was pointed out clearly in the experience of Nebuchadnezzar.

God dealt with him in sternness until he decided to acknowledge what his heart had already told him to be the truth. He said: "Of a truth it is, that your God is a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets." (Daniel 2:47)

Materialistic philosophers have substituted the Genesis account by the theories of evolution, not on the basis of truth discovered by science, but by fraudulent testimony they have made a determined effort to bolster their disbelief in the doctrine of divine creation.

There is too much evidence to logically deny that Creation in all its ramifications could be the product of its own determination. If fate, which we know to be nothing in itself, but which materialism idealizes as the creating force of this world and the universe, could do what is claimed for it, then it is greater than something.

—Turn To Page 40.

## He Giveth Peace!

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And beat upon thy weary soul;  
The storm will not forever last.  
He giveth peace!

Dear restless heart, be still and know  
That He who walked life's path below  
Will surely understand and care,  
And all thy heavy burden share.  
Thy loving Father knows thy heart;  
He sees the tears that often start;  
With arms outstretched He yearns for thee  
To come to Him that you might see—  
He giveth peace!

Whatever He may send, 'Tis best  
It may be that it's meant to test  
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The postulate that nothing is greater than something is not admitted to be scientific. Materialistic philosophy defeats itself with this formula at every turn. We need to have the good sense to point this out.

Paradoxically, the whole process of materialism finds a point of culmination in the creation of atomic and hydrogen explosives. This is not the end of this conflict. It is perhaps, but an exclamation point. But it is impressive. God has the ability to speak to this world and it seems that He is now doing this with a destructive material force.

The dangers and the fears which these new instruments have created could likely offset all the good, and more, that science, in its total accomplishments has given to the world. We are still dealing with the God of creation and all His laws, and science itself is now underscoring this truth. What the world needs is not more destructive genius, but the helping hand of a merciful God.

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It becomes more certain every day that man cannot depend upon his own resources of knowledge to solve the world's problems. They seem to grow faster than he can find remedies for them.

Only in the Word of God do we find the solution for these problems put down in black and white. Only the Scriptures give us real hope for the future. Years ago men were trying to make a heaven out of this world, only to find, after two world wars that they had created a hell.

We may not understand all of the book of Revelation, but we will learn, as the time comes around to it, that it contains all the headlines on future events. As the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah and other Bible passages give us word for word hundreds of years in advance the trial and crucifixion of Je-

sus, so when the time comes, will we see every word of Bible revelation brought into clear fulfillment. What we need today is someone to tell the world about its tomorrow. The Bible does just that. God has spoken.

### 3. THE GOD OF ATONEMENT

Professor Wieman sees no help from heaven. He sees only that man must work things out himself. That sounds logical up to a certain point, and then that idea loses its meaning.

Ultimately man needs a higher power to lift him out of his dilemma, his sin, and his destruction. Man knows, in the crisis hour, in the ultimate hour, he knows it more *really* than he knows anything else, that he cannot save himself.

The hour of despair and the hour of death make this knowledge absolutely clear to him. Ultimately he needs to know that only God through His own arrangement could find a way to redeem man back to perfection, and that way is through the atoning death of Christ, the eternal Son of God who can justify the sinner on the merit of His substitutionary death and His resurrection.

### 4. THE GOD OF REGENERATION

The thing that mankind in all its endeavors seeks most is a better life. From the lowest pagan in Africa to the most refined scholar in the classroom, he seeks after a better life. In a measure he has improved upon his past, especially in the matter of having acquired more material comforts than he had in the past.

In moral matters he has gained no ground. Probing the quality of human nature and striving for a better life is a good thing, that is, if it leads man to an understanding that there is, not only a better life, but a new life given to men by God, and then if he learns that this life does not come by probing and striving, but by faith in the new life in Christ.

This should sound logical, even to the materialist, but some how it does not.

However, we possess the ultimately correct formulas for the receiving of this new life in the teachings of the gospels. We should make much more of this as the answer to the total problems that face our frightened world today.

### 5. THE GOD OF JUSTICE.

We are thinking here of the God of justice as He deals with both individuals and nations. We have sensed, along with the multitudes of this earth, that what we need is not a combination of worldly kingdoms fighting among themselves, but a world government controlled by one wise and powerful person; a person who would exercise complete justice.

The world is really trying to achieve such a state by various methods but all the signs so far point toward failure. What man would like to do God has promised to do through Jesus Christ when He comes to reign upon the earth.

This is the hope of the world for many things, outstanding among them will be the bringing of justice to individuals and nations. We have, now, more than ever, reason to believe that such a government is indispensable, logical, and that the world trend is towards it.

The forces of science and the processes of education are seriously challenging the gospel and Christianity, and unless we meet this force with equal or greater strength than it has we will be defeated, and many will succumb to its strength.

Those who really know the Christian life are not disturbed for they know that the gospel of Jesus Christ is the power of God unto salvation. It is like dynamite in its explosive power; it is mighty to the tearing down of strongholds.

What the Church of Christ needs to do in this day is to lend its full strength to the proclamation of the Word of God, with clarity and positiveness, and then in faith trust God to act. God will not let His church down no matter what happens in the world. God's Word is our weapon.

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William T. Watson, Editor  
The Defender  
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Dear Brother Watson:

I have been reading *The Defender* for many years and consider Dr. Winrod's passing as a great loss.

However, I wish to bring to your attention a complaint about *The Defender*, especially your February issue. It is all religious. I go to a fundamental Southern Baptist Church and hear good sermons and also read good fundamental literature.

I first began reading *The Defender* because, as well as being sound religiously, it spoke out on political and economic questions. It was not afraid to speak of the Jewish conspiracy against Christianity and our form of government. It also spoke out against race mixing and against the left-wing politicians, etc.

This month, the National Conference of Christians (?) and Jews held its annual Brotherhood orgy — brotherhood without Christ. An inter-racial, inter-faith outfit which is anti-Christ. Yet, not one word about this appeared in the February issue. Actually, not much of anything appeared in the February issue.

Now, I don't know you, but I suggest you read some back issues of *The Defender* and you will learn something. Let's have some facts about what is going on in the country and the world. Let's have some articles exposing Modernism and Romanism.

On page thirteen you mention that the census taker will not ask what your religion is, but you fail to state that it was Jewish pressure. Why? Are you

afraid to say the word "Jew" except in praise?

All your "Religious News and Views" are uninteresting and could be found in any paper, religious or otherwise, modernist or what have you. Your editorial page doesn't say anything. You are not a "Crusader earnestly contending for the Faith" like Dr. Winrod. You are wishy-washy, afraid of hurting anyone's feelings.

Unless *The Defender* improves, I shall let my subscription run out as will George Groenemeyer and others I know. Mrs. Flowers could help you as she has been in the movement a long time.

Dr. Winrod printed political, economic, racial articles, not just religious. And his religious articles were hard hitting, not milk toast as are those you print.

Yours in His service,  
/s/ Elmer Egenes

Mr. Elmer Egenes  
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Dear Mr. Egenes:

Your letter of criticism has been received, read and thoroughly digested.

Dr. Watson is out of the city, but upon his return it will be called to his attention. In the meantime, I am taking the liberty of replying.

As editor of a publication which has more than a quarter of a million readers, it is a rare day when we are not "called on the carpet" for not publishing this or that ... or for daring to print something else!

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Reverend Winrod was a spiritual giant. He had a job to do, and he did it.

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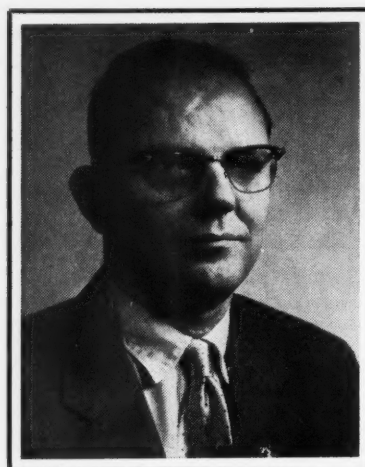
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Yet Paul was not one to complain about being imprisoned unjustly. I fear if we were to find ourselves in his shoes today, we would move heaven and earth in an effort to regain our freedom. We would wrack our brains, wondering what influential citizen we should next contact, to effect our release. We would lay awake nights, wondering why we were called upon to endure such humiliation and hardship. But not so Paul.

We are told that he blamed no one. Indeed, he told friends he was confined in the cause of Christ ... it was the Lord's will that he be held for trial at Rome. Nero was only an instrument, a link in a mighty chain God was for-

ging for the promulgation of the Gospel!

Paul did not concern himself with securing a good lawyer. He was not interested in finding a way of escape. But we are told that he was content, for he felt he was in the center of God's will.

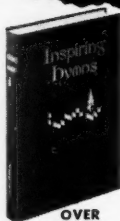
Never a day went by that he did not have occasion to witness for his Lord. Three times a day the guard was changed, and three times a day Paul found himself shackled hand and foot to another living soul to whom he felt it was his privilege to testify concerning the saving power of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Paul desired to remind the Ephesian Christians, and us, that God has invited each of us to become His children, by extending to us His invitation.

Needless to say, we did not all receive the message in the same manner, or at the same time ... but the One who personally delivered the invitation was always the same — the blessed Holy Spirit.

God is not limited. He has various and sundry ways in which He allows the Holy Spirit to present His invitation to us. The most popular mode is through

## PREACHING.

In writing to the Corinthian Church, Paul remarked "For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."

Probably more individuals have been won to Christ through preaching than by any other method. The pulpit has higher advantages for acting on the mind than any other means of affecting men.

People go to church, even the unsaved, to worship God in their own manner. Perhaps when the unregenerate enters the portals of the sanctuary, they do not realize their great need, but the peace and quietness of the atmosphere lends to retrospection.

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unmoved; and sometimes truth reaches the heart of a sinner, which he has heard a hundred times before without being interested.

Those of you who were privileged to see and hear Billy Graham via the miracle of television this past summer were no doubt impressed with the way in which the Holy Spirit used this evangelist's simple message to stir the hearts of multitudes.

And yet how often have you been in a service when a sermon was preached by a man of God, and yet with no response. As the invitation was given, you stood there with bowed head, asking God's blessing on the message, pleading with him to touch the hearts of those who needed to respond ... but seemingly to no avail.

Truly, "his ways (are) past finding out."

Dr. J. H. Jowett gives a beautiful description of what a truly successful preacher should be like. He tells of attending a camp meeting outside the city of New York one Sunday afternoon. Before getting up to deliver his message, someone led in prayer, as follows: "O Lord, we thank thee for our brother. Now blot him out. Reveal Thyself."

Aside from preaching, God uses

#### EVENTS OF PROVIDENCE.

You ask "What is an event of Providence?"

God often appeals to men by laying them on a bed of pain, or by requiring them to follow a friend in the still and mournful procession to the grave.

To the unchurched, to the unbeliever, this seems cruel. They rebel, saying that God is certainly taking advantage of a man while he is down! Once again, let me repeat, "His ways (are) past finding out."

When an individual is in the process of recuperating from a long illness, it gives him much time for thinking. And the Holy Spirit certainly takes advantage of these quiet times, if we will but allow Him.

And when a loved one is taken from us, this too affords an opportunity for the Messenger of the Lord to cultivate our hearts and minds. It is at such times that we all, saved and unsaved, realize that we too must some day face death.

It is a personal matter. No one can

die for us. We must all experience it. Are we ready to face it, knowing in our hearts that it is but the portal to a far greater, more wonderful time of fellowship with our Heavenly Father?

We cannot help but ask ourselves, "Am I prepared for this event?" The Holy Spirit knows our thoughts, and seeks this opportunity to convict of sin and convince us of the need of a Saviour.

I recently read the testimony of an active and efficient Christian worker. He wrote: "When I was a young man, I fell into bad company, and went from bad to worse. I got into debt, and my creditors began to press me.

"Then I had an opportunity to steal a large sum of money, with little chance of detection. On the morning of the day I'd set to take the money, I found a little card on my desk, placed there I know not how, which read, 'Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven.'

"That little card troubled me all day, and I did not take the money. I became convinced that, however that card might have come to my desk, Christ had sent it to save me; and from that day to this I have worked for His cause."

Quite often God uses us who are His children as an instrument for leading someone to Christ, through the power of

#### CONVERSATION.

The Holy Spirit does the advance work ... it is up to us to continue the operation, until the mission is accomplished. How long has it been since you have seriously discussed with an unsaved friend or loved one the importance of making a decision for Christ?

Many individuals will never go to Church. They perhaps will not be called upon to undergo an event of providence. It is up to you and I to do our part in leading them to Christ. A few moments conversation, or a single remark, will do more to arrest the attention of a loved one than much preaching.

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had made such a statement, Mr. Vassar rang her doorbell the next day. When she saw that he was the man who had been described to her she slammed the door in his face. John Vassar sat down on her doorstep and sang:

But drops of grief can ne'er repay  
The debt of love I owe,  
Here, Lord, I give myself away;  
'Tis all that I can do.

The woman heard the earnest verse as he sang and was convicted a sinner. She opened the door and called Mr. Vassar in, who led her to Jesus Christ.

But God does not stop with any of the above methods. He is versatile and can work through many other modes. Another instrument of contact is through

### READING.

He does good who places a religious book, or better still, the Bible, in the hands of a sinner. The mother who puts the Scriptures in the trunk of a son who is departing, perhaps for military service, or for a distant city to seek his fortune, is wise.

The time will come when, far away from home, he will read it. He will study it when his mind is pensive and tender, and it is at such a time that the Holy Spirit will bear the truth to his heart, thus insuring his conversion.

Aside from all the above methods, the Holy Spirit often calls men into the kingdom of Christ by presiding over and directing in some unseen manner their own

### REFLECTIONS.

He has the ability to turn the thoughts of the individual to his past life, causing him to recall forgotten deeds and plans, making long past sins rise to remembrance, thus overwhelming the mind with a conscious guilt of his sin. This is among the most mighty and mysterious of all the influences that the Holy Spirit has on the individual heart.

Sometimes he causes the mind to become pensive, sad, melancholy. Often, by sudden transitions, it will be changed from the gay to the grave, and from the pleasant to the sad.

It is the Spirit of God that leads the mind along these channels. But bear in mind, He does not use force, but merely directs. Never once does He violate the free moral agency of the individual. He suggests, prompts, pleads . . . but the decision to accept or reject is left up to the sinner.

Truly, God uses sundry methods to persuade the individual to come to Him, but the invitation is a royal one and, as Paul admonishes, we should walk worthy of this calling.



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Our hearts are assured and the way is clear. God's answer to the listening heart is the true reciprocation of prayer.

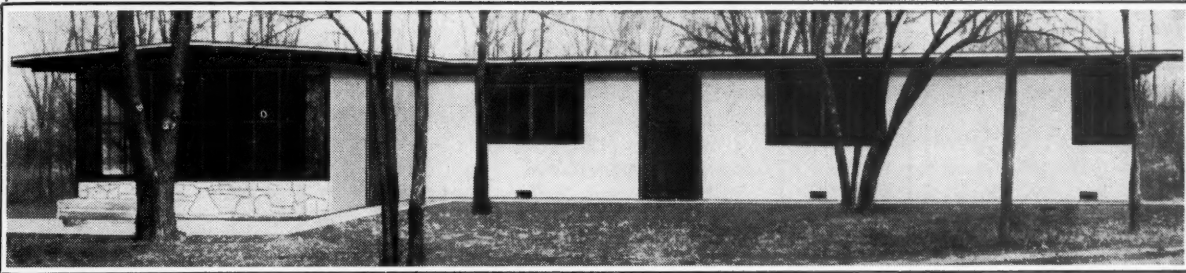
For one who prays, "Speak Lord, for Thy servant heareth," there are many who pray, "Hear Lord, for Thy servant speaketh."

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### REGIONAL PROJECTS—1958

In order to banish fear of those in doubt about Earth Homes, we ask you to read your Bible about same. To further instill the FACTS about Earth Homes, projects are planned for many states this year.

One in Kansas (a duplex for a widow). Another in Michigan (for another widow). Another in Georgia (for a single young lady). The finishing of one near Cleveland, Ohio. (A doctor's wife in Georgia built her husband a laboratory, with the aid of one man, and is now planning to build their own three bedroom Earth Home.) Many others everywhere are being built alone by the owners.

Mention of this is to let our own subscribers know that they can visit

sites, to see, take active part and learn for themselves. It is not necessary, of course, but skeptics become believers and are our best boosters.

### SUCCESSFUL MEN

Successful men do not belong to any exclusive class or rank. They come from all walks of life, from the homes of the poor as well as from the mansions of the elite, from the factories, farms and workshops. The humblest have sometimes risen to the greatest height. Nor have they been held back by difficulties and obstacles that have seemed almost unsurmountable.

It has been said that no one can know what he can do until he has tried. There is a profound wisdom in these words. For it is through trial and error that the lesson of self-help is learned. A person needs to know his capacities and limitations, his strong and his weak points; he needs to know how to order his energies and value his objectives.

Ability to help one's self cultivates self reliance. The self-reliant individual may meet up with difficulties and discouragements, but he doesn't give up easily, because he knows his limitations and capacities.

There are innumerable influences that help to shape a person's life. Character and success are the product of many factors, including example, instruction, environment and heredity. Nevertheless, it is clear and certain that, however much we may be indebted to the helpfulness of others, it is at last up to us to be active agents of our own well-being, that we all must learn the lesson of being "our own best helper."

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### PROPERTY

Property is the fruit of labor; property is desirable, is a positive good in the world. That some should be rich shows that others may become rich, and hence is just encouragement to industry and enterprise.

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—John 11:25.

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And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.

—Luke 14:14.

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Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.

—Luke 20:36.

† † †

Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

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And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

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For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection.

—Romans 6:5.

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And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.

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I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.

—John 11:24.

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For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

—1 Corinthians 15:21.

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So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption.

—1 Corinthians 15:41.

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That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made comformable unto his death.

—Philippians 3:10.

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Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

—1 Peter 1:3.

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For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

—John 3:16.

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Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

—John 5:25.

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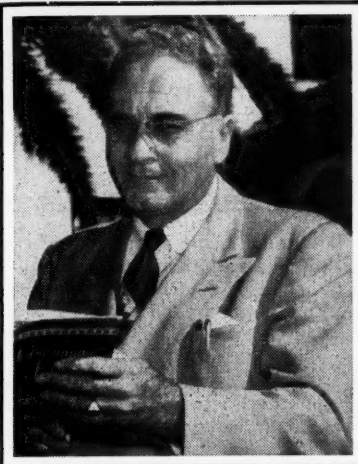
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## A MISSIONARY DIARY

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**A** LONG TIME DREAM of Dr. Gerald B. Winrod's is materializing in New York City. On a recent visit to the Harlem section I stood on the ground floor of the new Church home which houses the headquarters for the Spanish work of the Defenders movement in the continental United States.

As I studied the steel trusses, the partially completed walls, the windows and various fixtures, many thoughts passed through my mind.

### A BRIEF HISTORY

The first Spanish Defender Church of New York City was organized in November, 1944, composed of a group of Christian converts from Puerto Rico, under the leadership of Dr. and Mrs. Jose A. Hernandez.

The Missionary Department of the Defenders movement found it necessary some years ago to establish Churches along denominational lines in order to conserve results on mission fields.

Natives won to Christ must be organized into congregations, provided with places to worship, and given opportunities for Bible study, fellowship and witnessing. This tends to stabilize their new spiritual experience and keep them from sinking back into the old life.

In New York and Brooklyn the Span-

ish-speaking population is numbered into the hundreds of thousands. The number of persons arriving from Latin American areas increases each year.

Since the work was inaugurated in 1944, it has grown to where we now have thirteen churches and two centers for the preaching of God's Word in the city of New York, including the extending of missionary work to other states such as New Jersey, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin.

All services are conducted in the Spanish language. Meetings are held every night in some churches and four to five nights a week in others. This means that powerful centers of evangelism have been brought into existence.

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### TINY ACORNS

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inquired of him if Dr. Winrod had ever seen the beginning of this structure. His reply was in the negative.

I stood silently for a few moments and thought. Here before my very eyes the vision and heart desire of a great man, the founder of the Defenders movement, is taking shape, and will become a reality.

How he prayed and worked for this project. His heart was devoted to the task at hand. He often told me the story of how the small group of praying friends, under the leadership of Brother Hernandez, met in a small, dingy room, situated in a virtual cesspool of iniquity, planning the first Defender missionary church in New York City.

Mighty oaks grow from tiny acorns! Here was the culmination of the vision which this group had many years ago!

For years the congregation has met in a rented building, which they outgrew long ago. Several months past they were given notice to vacate the premises because of fire restrictions.

At the very time they lost their lease, a lot was offered for sale, the same location where our present building is being erected. Through the help of the Lord, and with financial assistance from friends across the country, terms were arranged and a down payment on the lot was made. You will never know what a thrilling experience it was to stand there and see the fruition of all these visions and dreams, truly an answer to fervent prayer.

### DR. AND MRS. HERNANDEZ

It was my first visit, not to New York, but to the Defender churches. Little did I know the surprises that were to be mine. Let me tell you about the experiences which befell me on this trip.

A gentle snow was falling on this particular evening, a sight which is rare for my eyes, having lived in Florida for many years. The ground was virgin white, and it seemed almost a shame to mar the beauty with our footsteps, but

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we had to move on for there were things to accomplish!

The streets near the Defender Missionary Headquarters were alive with the musical chatter of enthusiastic boys and girls, in spite of the weather. Snowballs were flying yet no one seemed to be hit too seriously, or hurt.

As I walked along the sidewalks, wending my way through the groups of youngsters, it dawned on me that they were all speaking Spanish, a language which I have not yet mastered. No English could be heard anywhere.

Here was I, actually in the midst of "Puerto Rico, New York." Spanish-speaking people by the tens of thousands populated this section of Harlem. What a foreign mission field, placed at our doorstep! For search as diligently as I could, no other church aside from the Defender ones, could be found anywhere.

Since it was time for the evening meal (we call it "supper time" in Florida), we stopped off at the clean, yet humble apartment of Dr. and Mrs. Hernandez, located a short distance from the church.

I was doubly blessed — the food was exceptional and the Christian fellowship most refreshing. The entire Hernandez family is to be commended. They live sacrificially. They are hard workers. They are humble. Setting a true example of a Christian household, they have the love, admiration and respect of their entire congregation.

#### A TYPICAL SERVICE

Soon after the meal, we found ourselves going back out into the snow, which was still falling. I had heard of storms like this and what they could do to church attendance, so was really not expecting to see the entire auditorium packed to capacity! His flock certainly could not be classified as "fair weather Christians."

Before we even entered the building, though, I felt the presence of the Lord. The congregation had already started its

song service, and how they were singing! The Puerto Ricans are a musical people and thoroughly enjoy expressing their love and devotion to God by pouring out their hearts to Him in song.

And what strange words were coming forth from their lips! They were unfamiliar to me, yet the tunes were the same old ones which I had learned many, many years ago. I joined right in with them, singing the English phrases.

After the musical service, which I found most inspiring, a time of testimony followed. It was thrilling to say the least. I could not understand their language yet by the expressions on their faces, the way they spoke, with conviction, I knew that we served the same Lord and Master.

There must have been joy in heaven that night. Up there everyone understands all languages, and whether a convert testifies in English, Spanish, French or Chinese, the angels rejoice because God is being given the glory He so justly deserves!

As I approached the platform, Dr. Hernandez explained that the other men who were seated there were Defender Spanish preachers from various Defender churches in New York and Brooklyn. Some of them understood and spoke English, and my heart was warmed by their friendly reception.

Dr. Hernandez stepped before the rostrum to introduce me as the speaker of the evening. I have no idea what he said, but I did resolve right then and there that I was going to enroll in the Spanish class at Trinity College next semester so I would be "in the know" on future trips!

As I stepped to the pulpit desk, the congregation applauded loudly... then there was quietness, a spirit of reverence. I looked out over the audience, examined the intent faces of these friends, and thanked God that, though we did not speak the same language, yet we were all brothers in Christ. Mrs. Hernandez arose and came to my res-

cue. She stood by my side, ready to interpret the words for my listeners' ears.

For more than forty minutes she passed on to the congregation in Spanish what I uttered in English. The people listened attentively, and God blessed. An altar service followed the message.

After the meeting was dismissed in prayer, the photographer came up and pictures were taken of the various workers. The evening was drawing to a close, one which will stay indelibly in my memory for many years to come.

#### A MISSIONARY OPPORTUNITY

I returned to my hotel room where I fell to my knees, thanking the Lord for the work being done among the Spanish-speaking people by the Defenders movement in New York City. I thanked Him for giving us such faithful workers as Dr. and Mrs. Hernandez, who are literally pouring their lives into the Gospel. These fine people exemplify Christianity. Their every thought, word and deed is for Christ and His cause.

I was overwhelmed as I observed first hand the great sacrifices these groups in New York are making. They allow themselves no luxuries. Their budgets include only the bare necessities. What remains goes into the Building Fund to help complete construction of the New York Headquarters Building.

While there I visited other Defender Spanish churches, and called on some of the pastors, sharing meals with them in their homes. Almost without exception each church and mission has an enlargement program under way. I was amazed at their spirit of enthusiasm, their robust interest in the furthering of the Gospel message. They are a people of faith backed by works.

It was also my privilege to meet with the architect, who is a wonderful Christian gentleman, and with the contractor who has charge of construction of the New York Headquarters Building.

Friends, pray for this "foreign field at home." Each of us has a responsibility to these fine people. If you have missionary money to be invested, I urge you to give consideration to helping these worthy Christians. The time is now!

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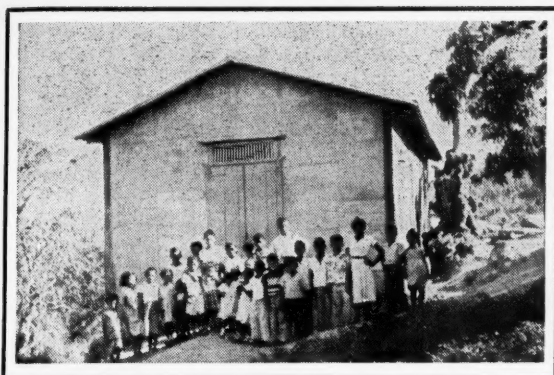
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**PUERTO RICO** has been correctly called "The Isle of Enchantment." It is one of the beauty spots of the world. A place more luxurious in natural beauty can scarcely be imagined.

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The visitor is impressed with the contrast that such tragic suffering can exist among people living in these beautiful surroundings. The missionary needs of Puerto Rico are very great.

The Chapel Plan, explained in these pages, is meeting this challenge. But the program can go forward only as Defender friends support it with their prayers, tithes and offerings.

### WHAT IS A CHAPEL-CHURCH?

A Defender Chapel-Church is a mission station where the good news of God's grace is proclaimed for the enlightenment of those who, without Christ, are hopelessly lost in the darkness of sin's night. It is a worship center, established in an area unreached by other Christian missionaries.

At the present time approximately 200 small congregations, composed of native converts, have been organized in isolated interior areas, where living con-

ditions are quite different from those of the outside world.

The work is carried on in Spanish. Each congregation has a trained native pastor. The majority of Puerto Ricans live in dire poverty. The average amount of collections received at the services is twenty to thirty cents, practically all in pennies. And such contributions reflect sacrificial giving.

The squalor, the foul odors, lack of proper sanitation, naked children, barefoot and half clothed adults, the ravages of disease and utter absence of ordinary conveniences of modern life, combine to confuse and startle the one who comes from the outside.

A regenerating process and general improvement in living conditions is witnessed in every community where a Defender Church is established ... be it ever so humble!

### HOW ARE THEY STARTED?

The work is initiated by one, or more, consecrated Christians, believing in sharing the blessings of the Gospel with the poor and underprivileged.

Because of the faithfulness of believers living in the United States, supporting the Defenders Theological Seminary, trained Spanish-speaking natives are available for leadership in the establishment of these Chapel-Churches.

At first, services are usually held in a home. In most instances, it is just an unpainted a b o d e , humble, generally quite small.

As interest in the community mounts

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and the attendance increases, meetings are conducted in the out-of-doors.

Besides the worship and preaching services, a Sunday School is established for the teaching of God's Word to both young and old. This, too, bears fruit.

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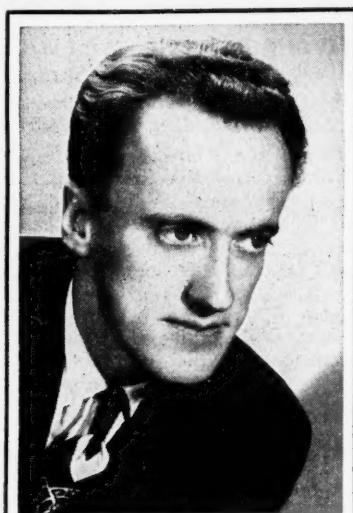
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# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## LESSON NUMBER ONE

April 20, 1958

### GOD PREPARES A LEADER

Exodus 2 — 4

**MEMORY TEXT:** "By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter ... Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward." Hebrews 11:24,26.

The general plan and pattern of the lesson is as follows:

- Moses hears God from the burning bush. Exodus 3:1-6.
- God speaks with compassion of afflicted Israel. Exodus 3:7.
- Moses is to intercede before Pharaoh for Israel's deliverance. Exodus 3:10-13.
- The great I AM will accompany Moses. Exodus 3:14,15.

#### (1) THE KEY WORD OF THE LESSON IS "ANGEL."

While Moses was keeping the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, he came to Mount Horeb. "And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush ... God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I." Exodus 3:2,4.

The word *angel* is a derivative of a like Greek word which means messenger. A messenger of God was in the burning bush. God spoke. God was in the burning bush. The messenger of God and God were both present. Yet, not two persons were on hand. There was only one. He was God; yet He was the messenger of God. Who else can He be but the Son of God?

The Second Person of the Holy Trinity, who was before the foundation of the world, about 1500 years prior to His incarnation, spoke to Moses. He was present at the creation of the world (Genesis 1:1). He was present at Mt. Horeb.

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God as a type of Christ, the Son of God, who was yet to come in the flesh for the eternal deliverance of the world by His suffering and death on the cross.

In Deuteronomy 18:15 the prophecy which shows Christ likened to Moses, says: "The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken." When John the Baptist was asked 1500 years later whether or not he was that prophet he answered that he was not (John 1:21, 25). Jesus Christ is (Acts 3:20-22; 7:37).

#### (2) THE KEY VERSE: EXODUS 3:14.

"And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you."

Hearing "I AM" one cannot but recall such words as: "I am the bread of life." "I am the way, the truth and the life." "I am He." "I am the true vine." "I am the resurrection." "Before Abraham was, I am." "I am with you always."

With the words I AM THAT I AM, identity is given which cancels the possibility of any other true God. In these words are declared the attributes of Him which are verified by many passages throughout Scripture.

I AM is indicative of eternalness. With God there was no beginning and there shall be no end. Moses may rest assured that the authority is his which is the authority of Him who made Moses, the Israelites, the Egyptians, all men, yea, the whole world and universe and all that is therein. The great I AM is omniscient, omnipresent, just, holy, kind, benevolent, longsuffering and gracious.

As Moses would speak to the children of Israel, directing them, counseling and guiding them, his leadership would be that of the I AM. As he and Aaron would go before Pharaoh and the sorcerers of Egypt, he would speak and perform miracles by the authority and power of I AM THAT I AM.

#### (3) THE KEY FACT: GOD STILL CHOOSES AND PREPARES LEADERS.

In his youth Moses was raised in Pharaoh's house. He was strong and valiant. He might then have been ready of his own might to try to deliver his people from Egypt. However, it was neither God's time nor God's way. The time would come. And when it did Moses would be an old man. He would have little of his own youth, strength, vibrance, and courage.

At God's own time He would contact Moses. He would find an old man, slow of speech and lacking in courage. God would give him the words, the tongue, and the valor. And then Moses would perform great and wondrous miracles. By the hand of Moses many plagues, one after another, would come upon Egypt.

The leader was chosen by God in His way at His time. He was prepared and fitted for his task by God. And this is the case now and ever will be. Leaders are not born, as the saying is commonly understood. God makes His own men and women.

Jesus Christ was the only One Who was a born leader. Moses, David, and Paul, are examples of men fitted to their tasks by the Almighty I AM. The Lord will have His own way. He is the potter. We are the clay. He will cast us into His mold. There is no other way. And God's man will lead God's people, whether he be pastor, preacher, evangelist, or teacher.

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## LESSON NUMBER TWO

April 27, 1958

### GOD DELIVERS THE ISRAELITES

Exodus 11:1; 12:23-28; 14:27-31

**MEMORY TEXT:** "Nevertheless he saved them for his name's sake, that he might make his mighty power to be known." Psalm 106:8.

The general plan and pattern of the lesson is as follows:

- A. The Tenth Plague. Exodus 11:1; 23:23.
- B. The feast of the Passover. Exodus 12:24.
- C. Crossing of the Red Sea. Exodus 14:29.
- D. The destruction of Pharaoh's host. Exodus 14:27-28.

#### (1) THE KEY WORD OF THE LESSON IS "PASSOVER."

There is a beautiful analogy between the condition of the children of Israel, and the state of the sinner. They were in bondage to a hard taskmaster; we also have been brought under bondage to sin, and our yoke is harder than theirs, for ours is heart slavery, the iron having entered into our very souls.

The Israelites were in perilous circumstances. They faced the violent wrath of an angered Pharaoh: we as sinners, expose ourselves to consequences far more imminent and terrible. The worst they had to fear was physical death; those of us who continue in sin stand in jeopardy of permanent excommunication from the face of a righteous God.

But for us, as for the children of

Israel of old, a remedy is provided. The great doctrine of Atonement is here brought before us. Through the blood of Jesus, sprinkled upon our hearts, wrath is averted, and everlasting salvation is secured.

Even as the angel of Death passed over the homes where he saw the blood, so will mercy be shown those who have accepted the sacrifice made on Calvary. The Cross is the meeting place of God's mercy for the sinner.

There was only one way of escape for the children of Israel. The blood must be displayed on the lintels of their homes, signifying their belief in God's mercy, and their acceptance of His conditions.

Even so, there is only one way we can escape eternal punishment today, and this is through the blood as shed on Calvary's Cross. To rely on any other course, to have confidence in any other mode, is spiritual suicide. "There is no other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved."

#### (2) THE KEY VERSE: EXODUS 14:31.

"And Israel saw that great work which the Lord did upon the Egyptians: and the people feared the Lord, and believed the Lord, and his servant Moses."

Had it not been for this great deliverance, the children of Israel would only have been remembered in the after-history of the world as the slaves who helped to build the Pyramids.

Their religion was fast perishing

among them, their religious rites forgotten; and they would soon have been found among the worshippers of the monster gods of Egypt. But God had better things in store for them when He led them through the Red Sea, making a path for them amid the waters.

It was one of the greatest blessings for the human race that, during the preservation of the children of Israel, the great truth of the personality of God, and His nearness to His people, was set before them in language which could not be mistaken.

And it is one of the greatest blessings which we enjoy, that we have the same Lord personally presented to us, revealed in the risen and glorified Lord Jesus Christ. And this same mighty God, who so delivered Israel in ancient time, is our God for ever and ever!

The deepest and truest philosophy of life and faith for us is to bring ourselves into the most intimate relations with the infinite God. The most profound and accurate student of nature is he whose eye is quickest to see the plan and purpose of an intelligent, governing Mind in everything that exists.

#### (3) THE KEY FACT: AS CHRISTIANS WE SHOULD BE EVER THANKFUL FOR GOD'S MERCIES.

What should we think of an Israelite walking through the depths of the sea on dry ground, between walls of water standing up like marble on either hand, and yet not recognizing the intended and merciful display of the Divine power for his protection?

What should we think of a ransomed Hebrew standing on the safe shore of the Red Sea on that memorable morning, and yet refusing to join in the song of thanksgiving for the great deliverance of the night?

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## LESSON NUMBER THREE

May 4, 1958

### THE LAW PRESENTED

Exodus 19 — 20

**MEMORY TEXT:** "Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine." Exodus 19:5.

The general plan and pattern of the lesson is as follows:

- God's address to the people. Exodus 19:3-6.
- God expects reverence — Commandments one through three. Exodus 20:1-4,7.
- Special honors for the Sabbath, and for Parents — Commandments four and five. Exodus 20:8,12.
- Forbidden conduct toward their fellow men — Commandments six to ten. Exodus 20:13-17.

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of God would be like trying to convey to a South Sea Islander something concerning the rigors of a winter at the North Pole. Adjectives could flow from your tongue for days but he would be unable to comprehend. Even those who feel they know God could spend a life time studying His attributes, and still not understand Him fully.

First of all, He is an *omnipotent* Being. An omnipotent being is one who is unequaled, all-powerful, unlimited in his ability. And to our finite minds, this is *one* of God's attributes.

While visiting in the home of a friend recently I noticed on the wall a plaque with but two words enscribed ... "But God." What a message. If you want a live, interesting Bible study, just search out a half score of places where you have the words "But God."

In each instance this simple phrase turns the scale from despair to hope, from defeat to victory, from sin to salvation.

Secondly, God is an *omniscient* Being. This implies one who has universal knowledge, one who is infinitely wise. Only the Heavenly Father fulfills this description.

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And thirdly, God is *omnipresent*. And only He is capable of being in all places instantaneously!

A small lad asked one day, "Mother, how many gods are there?" A younger brother, overhearing the question, replied without hesitation, "Why, there is only one." "But how do you know that," said the one who had made the inquiry. "Because," said the latter, "God fills every place, so there is no room for any other."

### (2) THE KEY VERSE: EXODUS 19:5.


"If ye will obey my voice indeed, and

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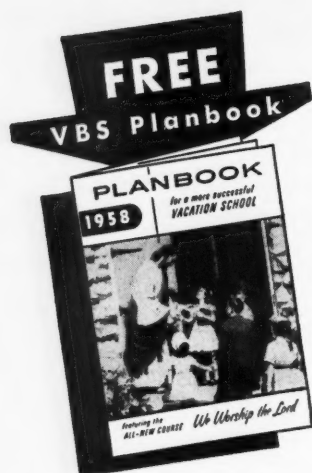
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keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people."

A treasure is something searched for. If it were nothing of value, we would be most foolish in wasting time trying to find it.

The Holy Spirit is ever diligently seeking Christians. (See article beginning on page 44, this *Defender*.)

A treasure, when found, is carefully guarded. As the apple of His eye, God protects those who trust Him (Psalm 23).

The finding of a treasure is the occasion of rejoicing (Luke 15:7).

To obtain a treasure we will make great sacrifices (John 3:16).

From the days of Adam God has been seeking out a peculiar people, a strand of believers who would listen to His voice, accept His admonitions and acquiesce to His requests. Those who belong to this group are "a peculiar treasure," for which a great Ransom has been paid.

### (3) THE KEY FACT: THE GIVING OF THE LAW WAS AN UNSPOKEN ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF SIN.

Parents impose restrictions upon their children, for their own good. Everywhere we turn, we run face to face into laws, regulations, to be obeyed. Largely, they are for our own protection, for our benefit.

God stated three reasons why He compiled the Ten Commandments for the children of Israel. Those same three reasons apply to us, as Christians.

First, He expected them to obey Him because He loved them and had delivered them from bondage; we obey Him because He loves us and has delivered us from sin.

Second, obedience to His commandments was evidence that they were keeping their part of His covenant with them; our obedience to Him is evidence that we are keeping our part of God's covenant.

Third, God wanted them for a "peculiar treasure" unto himself; God wants Christians to be His peculiar treasure, to abide eternally with Him in His house of many mansions.

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## LESSON NUMBER FOUR

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### THE IMPORTANCE OF WORSHIP

Exodus 35 — 40

**MEMORY TEXT:** "Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day there shall be to you an holy day, a sabbath of rest to the Lord." Exodus 35:2.

The general plan and pattern of the lesson is as follows:

- A. God's instruction to build the tabernacle. Exodus 35:20-26.
- B. The rearing of the structure. Exodus 40:34-38.
- C. The tabernacle is symbolic of the Church. Exodus 40:34.
- D. The importance of worshipping together. Exodus 35:21.

### (1) THE KEY WORD OF THE LESSON IS "TABERNACLE."

Many volumes have been written on the subject of the Tabernacle in the Wilderness. Of all the subjects under consideration in the Holy Scriptures, it is one of the most interesting, intriguing and satisfying.

To all outward appearances it was merely a temporary structure, designed for a nomad people to take with them in their wanderings. Actually, of course, it was made "according to the pattern" given Moses on Mount Sinai by God Himself. It had a divine origin.

It served as the rallying religious center for all Israel, not only during the days and years in the wilderness, but during the conquest of Palestine. It served until David made provision for a more durable and permanent building, resulting in the temple erected during the reign of Solomon.

After the tabernacle was removed from Mount Sinai, it was carried from place to place as the Hebrews served out their exile in the wilderness.

When Israel crossed the Jordan and was ready to begin the conquest, the tabernacle was first located at Gilgal. This was only a temporary site, as there seems to have been no permanent arrangement for worship here.

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Even as the tabernacle in the wilderness represented God in all His divine glory, dwelling in the midst of the children of Israel . . . it typifies today the presence of Christ in the heart of the believer.

When God comes to dwell among us, which can only be by dwelling in us individually, sin goes from us, in its guilt and its predominating power. God comes thus to dwell with men for the development of character, and for the nourishment of all goodness.

The putting away of sin is but the negative part of salvation. The presence in its place of truth and duty and love and obedience — this is what makes a saved man.

## (2) THE KEY VERSE: EXODUS 35:22.

"And they came, both men and women, as many as were willing hearted, and brought bracelets, and earrings, and rings, and tablets, all jewels of gold: and every man that offered an offering of gold unto the Lord."

In this verse we are not told how much each individual gave. We are not able to determine if the gifts were sacrificial, but the Scripture dwells on the fact that the contributions were made by the "willing hearted."

Oh! for more willing hearted Christians, ready to give when the need was explained. How often we hear the church member of today grumble each time the collection plate is passed. And many who do respond, do so grudgingly, stingily and with a sour heart!

God loves a cheerful giver. Not for the gift's sake . . . but He is wise enough to know that when a person contributes unstintingly, without complaint, that individual has discovered one of the foundation stones of true happiness.

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What God wants is men and women who are willing hearted, who count not how much they are giving to the cause of Christ, but how much the Heavenly Father has blessed them, both materially and spiritually.

## (3) THE KEY FACT: GOD JOINS WITH HIS PEOPLE.

The Lord God of Israel remained with them at all times, day and night. And He made His presence felt in a real way. God is likewise within the believer. We should acknowledge Him by guarding our every thought, word and deed.

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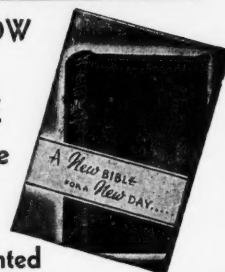
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